

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/95/18/T

Location: 17 Craigweil Lane, Aldwick

Description of works: Reduction to branches on the East side of 1No. Blue Atlas Cedar by 0.5-1 metre

Reasons Given: To obtain a higher amenity value

Comments on Application:

Cedar, blue Atlas *Cedrus libani* subsp. *Atlantica* 'Glauca'. Height: Approx. 8m Average Spread: 3m Age: Semi-mature

- This tree has ornamental value, is of good-moderate form and enjoys a prominent position being visible from neighbouring properties and traffic accessing/exiting the estate.
- There will not be an enhancement of the tree's amenity value on completion of the proposed work, although this would appear to address a concern for longer term building encroachment.

Conclusions:

- This tree has high growth potential and by virtue of its close proximity to a residential dwelling it is reasonable to expect some building encroachment in the longer term.
- The work proposed will not result in a notable loss of amenity value.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition

Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons

In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team