

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 11th June 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: AW/95/26/T
Location: 24 Wychwood Close, Aldwick, PO21 4DW
Proposal: Fell 1no. English oak (T1)
Reason: Risk management (diseased tree)

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

From roadside the tree is clearly in an advanced state of decline and is probably terminal. Our records suggest the tree was last subject of a whole crown reduction prune pre-2018. There has been an extremely poor response to that work in terms of canopy renewal. What persists is of low density and there is significant dieback of small branches.

T1 has been a long-established constituent of the local mature treescape, providing considerable visual amenity and contributing to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The agent has submitted a detailed report in support of the proposal and recognises the importance of securing an appropriate replacement.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.

The inevitable loss of this tree from the landscape will incur a notable loss of visual amenity. Although not ideally located in proximity to the main dwelling and garage, there is sufficient area to accommodate a replacement tree of suitable size and longevity as mitigation for that loss. This new planting can be secured by a condition.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

Once the oak has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within five metres, free from the interference of any established and developing tree canopy so that it may develop an upright and uniform crown towards maturity.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the oak tree (T1).

The species shall be selected from the following:-

Pedunculate oak *Quercus robur*

Field maple *Acer campestre*

Wild service *Sorbus torminalis*

Hop hornbeam *Ostrya carpinifolia*

The selected tree(s) must be viable for long-term retention in the landscape after a period of five years from the date of this decision notice. Any tree dead, dying or considered unviable for long-term retention by the council's tree officer, will need to be replaced to the satisfaction of the local planning authority within 12 months of that determination.

Reasons: To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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