

Recommendation Report

Application No.

AW/97/13/T.

Committee ☐

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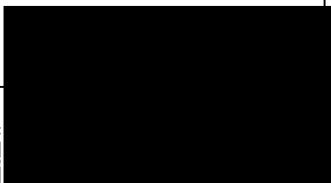


Recommend Permission



Recommend Refusal



	Date	Signature
Prepared by Case Officer	6.6.13	
Agreed by Team Leader	6.6.13	
Agreed by H.O.P.S / P.C.M. (if required)		
Committee Plans		

Comments:



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Your Ref: OWQC284
Our Ref: AW/97/13/T
Please ask for:
Mrs J Chapman

29th May 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Crown reduction of 1 No. Oak tree by 4 metres & Crown reduction of 1 No. Sycamore tree by 3 metres
Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick

Thank you for your internet comments made on 29th May 2013 which has been recorded as 'no objection' with the comments as follows:

Members agreed that the Arun Arboriculturist is consulted regarding this application and that his professional recommendations/decision is applied.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

I've attached for your information part of the BS showing good and poor pruning. The flush cut appears in 'b) Not recommended (N)'. Though this is a diagram showing side branch removals and your description of allowing small 'stumps' to provide areas for new re-growth is correct.

I hope this helps clarify the pruning. Please let Janice Chapman know if you are now able to accept the recommendations.

Yours sincerely

Ian Brewster

From: Christina Wilks [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 May 2013 19:00
To: Ian Brewster
Cc: Janice Chapman
Subject: Re: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Mr Brewster,

Thanks you for your email. I see now that I misread the original email re measurements. 50 mm about 19.74 inches? Is this correct.

I am not sure I understand what 'flush cutting' is - does it mean cutting flush to the adjoining branches? i.e. the tree surgeon should leave a small 'stump' where possible rather than cutting a branch off flush with the branch from which it has grown??

Also, is this for both trees? I think the sycamore will have to come down eventually as I have already had to pay for parts of my drains to be lined because of inadequate flow of water (i.e. blocked drains) If there are ever occurring EU directives on trees, would it be better to apply for felling the sycamore now in case one is not permitted to fell anything in the near future. I had always understood that the sycamore was more or less a weed and not particularly native???

Many thanks for your advice on this.

Christina Wilks

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2013 9:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Janice Chapman
Subject: RE: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Christina Wilks,

Thank you for your message. The reason a maximum wound size has been suggested is to prevent 'flush cutting' and unnecessarily large wounding which could potentially create pockets of decay leading to the those pollard points becoming weak and unable to support future branch growths. 5mm should read 50mm but this is a guide for the tree surgeon. I hope you understand the logic behind this requirement and which accords with good practice and the new British Standard BS3998 (2010) Tree Work : Recommendations.

Yours sincerely

Ian Brewster



Janice Chapman

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 28 May 2013 10:36
To: 'Christina Wilks'
Cc: Janice Chapman
Subject: RE: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Christina Wilks,

If it would help I could meet with yourself and tree surgeon to discuss the tree works.

Yours sincerely

Ian

From: Christina Wilks [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2013 17:00
To: Ian Brewster
Cc: Janice Chapman
Subject: Re: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Mr Brewster,

Thanks for your reply.

I can't spot the BS document to which you refer and I still need an answer if this is for BOTH trees or only the oak re the 5mm rule.

5mm looks more like 2 inches on my tape measure so no, I do not accept these recommendation - it seems to me it would be hardly worth getting a tree surgeon in to cut off such a small amount of tree. Such a small amount of decrease in the size of the tree does not seem to cater for protecting my front garden, my solar pannels or my drains.

I'll chat to the tree surgeon to see what he has to say.

Kind regards
Christina Wilks

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 11:06 AM
To: 'Christina Wilks'
Cc: Janice Chapman
Subject: RE: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Christina Wilks,

50mm is roughly 2.5 inches, so branches greater than this should be retained and shortened to side branches.

From: Janice Chapman
Sent: 22 May 2013 08:43
To: Ian Brewster
Subject: FW: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Can I have your comments

Janice

From: Christina Wilks [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2013 20:31
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: Re: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Miss Chapman,

I am not sure I understand Mr Brewster's conditions.

On the one hand he seems to say that he is no objection to the tree work which mentioned a 5 metre reduction in crown etc.

And on the other, there seems to be a condition that suggests that only branches (twigs) no larger than about 2 inches (5mm) in diameter can be cut off.

I can quite understand not cutting the oak other than near my property as the tree seems to be leaning my way as it is and it might balance it up.

It is also not really clear to me which tree this applies to - both? Surely not, the sycamore has been cut back before.

I feel I have lived with both trees for 20+ years and they both need to be cut back considerably to protect both my property and my plants.

Please advise the way forward on this.

Regards
Christina Wilks

From: Janice Chapman
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 4:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Miss Wilks,

I attach comments from the Council's Arboriculturist in respect of surgery to the Oak and Sycamore tree. Are you happy to accept the suggested condition. If so, the application can be recommended for approval after its advertising period which ends on the 6th June 2013.

Regards

Janice Chapman
Planner
[REDACTED]

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 21 May 2013 16:17
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: AW/97/13/T Land Adj to 9 Acorn End Aldwick PO21 4JA

Dear Janice,

I have no objection to make with regard to the proposed tree work.

As a suggested condition; The reduction should be restricted to the areas nearest the property but wound sizes should determine branch lengths to be removed where they should not exceed 50mm in diameter. I hope this is acceptable to the tree owner.

Ian

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SCHEDULE 1**SPECIFICATION OF TREES****Trees specified individually**
(encircled in black on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
T-300	ENGLISH OAK	
T-301	ENGLISH OAK	

Trees specified by reference area
(within a dotted black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
None		

Groups of Trees
(within a broken black line on the map)

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Woodlands
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None		

**Complete if necessary to specify more precisely the position of the trees.*



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T-300, T-301 Aldwick Area 2

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<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
T-39	SYCAMORE	
T-40	SYCAMORE	

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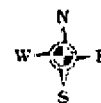
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G-35	2 SYCAMORE 6 FIELD MAPLE 5 HAZEL	

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TPO for 11 and 15 ACORN END, PO21 4JA



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Date 22/4/2010

Centre = 490921 E 98912 N

T-39, T-40, G-35 Aldwick Area 2

Nicola Spencer

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 29 April 2013 16:22
To: Nicola Spencer
Cc: Chistina Wilks [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Tree work at and close to PO214JA no 9
Attachments: tree cutting 20130001.pdf; OaK TREE 2013 001.jpg; OaK TREE 2013 002.jpg; OaK TREE 2013 003.jpg; OaK TREE 2013 004.jpg; OaK TREE 2013 005.jpg; OaK TREE 2013 006.jpg; OaK TREE 2013 007.jpg; sycamore TREE 2013 008.jpg; sycamoreTREE 2013 009.jpg; sycamore TREE 2013 010.jpg

Hi Nicola,

Are you able to accept this as an application for works to a TPO tree?

Ian

From: Chistina Wilks [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 April 2013 18:09
To: Ian Brewster
Cc: chistinawilks@onetel.com
Subject: Tree work at and close to PO214JA no 9

Dear Mr Brewster,

Attached please find the forms, a sketch (sycamore is not placed close enough to the house), a letter from the tree surgeon about the work and a number of photos which I hope will help.

I look forward to hearing from Arun.

Thank you very much for your advice,

Regards
Christina Wilks

Stephen Wall
Pipers
Sandy Lane
East Ashling
Chichester PO18 9AT

Quotation

*Mrs Wilks
Barrack Lane
Aldwick*

12 March 2013

Dear Mrs Wilks

Tree work Aldwick

Further to my visit I now offer my quotation for work at the above site.

- To reduce Sycamore tree in back garden, back to old wound points
- To reduce Oak tree to front of property by 4 metres
- Remove all arisings
- Cost £520

Site will be left clean and tidy.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

S Wall

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DISTRICT ARUN

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SZ 9098 SE
SZ 9098 NW

GOSSEMER LANE

St Richard's
Vicarage

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WSX15334-17

• = sycamore

* = oak in
"no marks
land"

ACORN END