

**Planning Officer:** Mr F Gardner  
**Planning Application Ref:** AW/99/20/T  
**Location:** 225A Aldwick Road, Aldwick, PO21 3QG  
**Description of works:** Crown lift to 3m and reduce height to 6-7m and spread to 3-4m 2no. yew trees  
**Reasons given:** To reduce shading and maintain shape

**Comments on Application:**

**T1 & T2 Yew / *Taxus baccata*** Height: 5-10m Spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance both trees appear to be in a fine physiological state, albeit with a heavily modified crown – the upper part visible from the road and displaying a balanced, compact profile.
- Historic reduction pruning and the removal of branches from the main stem has diminished their landscape value, but they remain visible from surrounding properties and in part to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, they have public amenity value.

**Conclusions:**

- The proposal to reduce their overall height and spread with a view to restricting growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

**Recommendations:**

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

**Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -**

- Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Part b) 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.
- Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

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

**- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter**

**Advisory:**

- The long-term vitality of these trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the late summer (mid-July to August) or late winter (mid-January to February) periods. The work should only be undertaken during these periods.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

