

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: P/115/17/T

Location : 38 Pinehurst Park, Aldwick

Description of works: Fell 1 No Lombardy Poplar.

Applicants Reasons Unsafe due to basal cavity

Comments On Application:

Lombardy Poplar *Populus nigra 'Italica'* Height: 20m AvgeSprd: 5m Age: Early Mature

- Situated in the small rear garden of this property and along with a second tree of similar proportions they dominate same.
- The applicants neighbour spotted a basal cavity with visible decay and advised that he seek the removal of the tree.
- I inspected the tree and found two areas of open wounds on the trunk but neither of them had any depth behind the obvious cavity opening.
- The extent of decay is a concern going forward but does not undermine the safety of this tree at this time.
- I noted that there is a lot of deadwood in both trees and this should be removed and of course this does not require the Councils approval as deadwood is a safety issue and may be removed without reference to the Council.

Conclusions:

- This tree is visually significant in the landscape and its removal is not justified.
- However, there is decay present and it has a full crown applying stress at the base of the tree and this will require attention.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the felling of this tree.

ADVISORY:

I advise the applicant to resubmit an application to have this tree reduced in height by 10m to leave a 10m high tree.

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