

**Aylesford**                      **571880 157906**      **28 December 2006**    **TM/06/04127/TPOC**  
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Proposal:                      (1) Coppice two Chestnut trees; (2) Trim intruding bough of  
Ash tree to angle and (3) Fell and remove dead Birch tree  
(TPO ref. 12-02-14)  
Location:                      241 Woodlands Road Aylesford Kent ME20 7QF  
Applicant:                      R M Ridsdill Smith

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**1. Description:**

1.1 Proposals for work to tree areas as described above.

**2. The Site:**

2.1 The property stands within the Holtwood Estate covered by a blanket woodland TPO.

**3. Planning History (selected):**

TM/98/01954/TPOC    Grant With Conditions    26 January 1999

A) coppice 6 Chestnut trees and B) remove one Birch tree in rear garden and C) lop one tree branch at 15 Birch Crescent (T.P.O. 12-02-14)

**4. Consultees:**

4.1 PC No objections

**5. Determining Issues:**

5.1 The Sweet Chestnut on the frontage is a relatively young single stemmed tree. It was planted by the owners but now branches extend over the road and pavement and, if allowed to continue growing, will be likely to damage the frontage retaining wall. In order to prevent future problems, coppicing is considered to be the best option.

5.2 Another Sweet Chestnut in the back garden is growing from an old stool positioned high on top of a sandstone outcrop. It needs to be recoppiced because of its size.

5.3 One Birch tree in this area has died and needs to be removed. There are plenty of other trees around it so replacement planting is not appropriate.

5.4 The lowest branch of one mature Ash in the back garden extends towards the house and squirrels use it as a bridge to access the house. The proposal to cut this bough back to an elbow in the branch is appropriate and will also help balance the tree.

5.5 All proposals are considered quite appropriate.

**6. Recommendation:**

**6.1 Grant with conditions**

This was approved in accordance with the following submitted details: Site Plan dated 28.12.2006.

**Conditions / Reasons**

1 All work shall be carried out to the standards set in BS 3998 (or EU equivalent).

Reason: In the interests of good forestry practice and the amenity of the locality.

2 Subsequent to the implementation of any of the approved coppicing works the remaining tree stumps shall not be removed, wilfully damaged or destroyed UNLESS a period of one year has elapsed since the coppicing and the stumps have not regenerated at all in which case replacement trees (only for those which have failed to regenerate) shall be planted in the next available planting season in accordance with details to be agreed beforehand with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To retain and enhance the character of the locality and in the interests of good forestry.

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