

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/107/22/T
Location: 2 Kingsway, Aldwick, PO21 4DQ
Proposal: Various works to 1no. Monterey pine tree (T1)
Reasons given: Health and safety issues

Comments on Application:

Monterey pine / *Pinus radiata* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Familiarity with surrounding area provides further insight to the proposal.
- The applicant has employed Bernie Harverson / Arboricultural Consultant to assess the tree and provide a report on its condition. This is comprehensive and recommends a balanced work proposal to manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- It grows at the front of the property and is prominent, highly visible to traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate and users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, it has public amenity value.
- Selective live branch reduction/removal both respects its presence in the landscape and mitigates an established risk of harm to persons or property.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require prior consent from the local planning authority.

Conclusions:

- The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If undertaken to a high standard and in accordance with Tree Management Strategy Recommendations (Tree Health & Safety Audit, Section 4); then it is unlikely to have an unduly adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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

Mark Warwick
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

