

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/108/12/TC

ADDRESS: Aldworth House 91 The Fairway Aldwick Bay Estate Bognor Regis

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell 1No. Whitebeam and 5No. Leyland Cypress within the Aldwick Bay Conservation Area.

INSPECTION DATE: 18th May 2012

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐**Comments:**

I have visited the site, met the owner and seen the trees up close subject to the above application. The Whitebeam is in fact a Bird Cherry, an uncommon, native flowering tree, heavily suppressed by the Golden Macrocarpa conifer group. The close growing line of these conifer appear to have served a purpose acting as a screen around the out-house. They have been topped within the last 15 years, distorting the upper crown where no discernable shape is apparent to warrant their retention as a feature of good public visual amenity. The Bird Cherry is barely visible and would benefit from the conifer removal and may become a fine, small ornamental tree if appropriate formative pruning is applied by a skilled arborist. To the rear of the conifer situated to the north east corner is a magnificent mature Box Elder (*Acer negundo*), and behind that within the neighbours garden is a large Monterey Cypress. Both trees would become visible after the conifer is removal.

Recommendation:

The five conifer trees and 'Whitebeam' (see above) do not provide good visual amenity and they have been assessed and deemed unworthy for consideration towards applying a Tree Preservation Order. The applicant has stated that he intends to re-plant those felled with Olive trees.

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