Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 5th July 2017

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/141/17/TC**

Location: **The Bay House, 238 Manor Way, Aldwick**

Description of works: Fell 1 No Monterey Cypress

Reasons Given: Safety due to ground heave – nearing the end of its useful life

Comments:

Monterey Cypress *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 20m Avge Spread: 7m Age: Mature

- This tree makes a significant impact at the entrance to the Aldwick Bay Estate.
- It has a dead top and also carries a large amount of deadwood all of which should be removed for safety reasons given the proximity to Barrack Lane.
- It has a natural lean but the pruning works approved back in March would make the tree safe by reducing its crown area and the sail effect in high winds.

Conclusions:

- The recently approved height and lateral spread reduction work coupled with the removal of all deadwood and the dead top will make this tree safe.
- I do not agree with the R S Landscapes report and analysis that it is time to remove this tree and feel it has many years of useful life in which to contribute to the amenity of the Conservation Area.

Recommendations:

- Under these circumstances I do not see the justification for this trees removal at this time and would recommend that a TPO is made to preserve the tree in the landscape and prevent the owners from felling it.
- I attach a TEMPO form supporting this action.

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