

**Case Officer:** Hannah Kersley

**Reference:** AW/14/22/T

**Location:** 96 Barrack Lane, Aldwick, PO21 4DG

**Proposal:** 1no. *macrocarpa* tree - Reduce all side limbs by 3m to leave 5m and reduce height from 16m to leave 13m

**Reasons given:** None provided

**Comments on Application:**

**Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa*** Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in a fair physiological state. Scattered dieback and decline of distal branches are symptomatic of *Seiridium* canker infection; a disease typically associated with late-mature trees of this type.
- The crown is predictably erratic and extends over the public highway, although is broadly symmetrical in shape and formed upon outwardly sound co-dominant stems. The tree has a compact and rounded form.
- It is a long-established tree, prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users. As such, it has public amenity value.

**Conclusions:**

- The proposal involves a >60% reduction in crown volume and would leave very little live foliage from which the tree could sustain itself. Such an operation far exceeds the requirements of British Standard 3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations.
- No arboricultural justification has been offered in support of crown reduction pruning to any extent.

**Recommendation:**

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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