

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **AW/175/15/T**

LOCATION: 52 Barrack Lane
 Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Fell 1No. Redwood tree.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
SITE AREA	1199m2
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	Various trees including the Redwood which forms part of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	1.8m close boarded fence.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Two storey detached dwelling set back from the road with good sized rear garden, Public Right of Way bounds the site to the east.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Detached properties set in medium to large plots, suburban residential area which has significant tree cover.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

AW/10/97/T	Fell one Flowering Cherry, one Purple Prunus and 3 Leyland Cypress trees. Lop one Macrocarpa tree.	ApproveConditionally 14-02-1997
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None relevant.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

No objection.

One public representation received objecting should the tree to be felled and not replaced.

Comments on Representations received:

The Council's Arborist has requested that a condition be attached requiring a replacement tree to be planted once the existing redwood has been felled. This condition will be attached to ensure the replacement tree is planted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

ARBORIST

Comments:

- The tree outlined in this application is subject to an active TPO order.
- From the site inspection, it is clear that T1 is dead standing. This can be attributed to the fact that T1 has not flushed this year. When this tree was inspected in late July and it had no signs of any flushing - this is indicator of T1 being a dead standing specimen.

Recommendation:

- As the tree outlined in this application is dead standing, I would have no objection to the felling of T1.
- As T1 is subject to a TPO order, there will be a requirement to replant with a suitable replacement.

Conditions:

- The replacement tree should have the following attributes;
 1. Be planted at least 10 meters from the original
 2. Be a standard/semi-standard in size
 3. It should have an expected mature height of 12 meters.
 4. Suggested species would include;

- English Oak *Quercus robur*
- Common hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*
- Scots Pine *Pinus sylvestris*
- Common yew *Taxus baccata*
- Goat Willow *Salix caprea*

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Designations:-

Adopted Local Plan
Tree Preservation Order
Class C Road

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF
NPPG

National Planning Policy Framework
National Planning Practice Guidance

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

CONCLUSIONS

The Council's Arborist has been consulted on the application and has confirmed that as the tree is dead he has no objection to the felling. However, he has recommended a replacement tree is planted and specified attributes the replacement should have.

It is considered acceptable to recommend the application as no objection with attached condition to ensure a replacement tree is planted. The attributes recommended by the Arborist will be included in this condition.

As such the felling is considered acceptable and will not detrimentally effect the visual amenity of the area should a suitable replacement tree be planted.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The applicant shall during the next planting season following the felling of the TPO tree, the subject of this application, plant a replacement tree which should have these attributes:-

1. Be planted at least 10 meters from the original
2. Be a standard/semi-standard in size
3. It should have an expected mature height of 12 meters.
4. Required species would include;

- English Oak *Quercus robur*
- Common hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*
- Scots Pine *Pinus sylvestris*
- Common yew *Taxus baccata*
- Goat Willow *Salix caprea*

Once planted the details of the replacement tree must be supplied to the Council in writing.

Reason: To retain trees in the interests of the environment of the locality.

- 2 INFORMATIVE: The West Sussex County Council as Highway Authority would remind applicants that they may have to provide on the application site, areas for the parking and unloading of vehicles, temporary contractor buildings, plant and stacks of materials as the use of the adjacent public highway for these purposes may not be acceptable under the terms of the Highways Act.
- 3 INFORMATIVE: The applicant is advised to enter into a legal agreement with West Sussex County Council, as Highway Authority, to cover the off-site highway works. The applicant is requested to contact The Implementation Team Leader, West Sussex County Council, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ. (Tel no. 01243 642105).