

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: AW/180/18/T

Location: 8 The Drive, Bognor Regis PO21 4DU

Description of works: Remove dead branches & shape on northern side to balance to 1 No. Cherry tree, reduce crown by .5m to 1 No. Portuguese Laurel, crown lift by 2m & face to balance to 1 No. Conifer, trim ivy from 1 No. Oak tree, reduce height by 1m & face by 0.5-1m to 1 No. Holly Oak, reduce crowns by .5-1m to 1 No. Pear & 1 No. Plum tree, reduce crown 1 No. Apple tree by .5-1m & reduce crown to previous pruning points to 1 No. Mimosa.

Reasons Given: T1 – None given

Comments on Application:

Front garden

F1, F3 – F6 incl. Mixed tree types: (Japanese cherry, Portuguese laurel, Lawson cypress, Oak (dead), holm/holly-leaved oak)

Rear garden

B1 – B4 incl. Mixed tree types: (Pear, Plum, Apple x2)

All the above trees are not included in any Order (TPO) although they are located within Conservation Area.

- Consent is not required from the local planning authority to remove ivy or dead branches.
- I am satisfied that the works proposed will not result in character of the surrounding area being diminished.
- I raise No Objection to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Rear garden

T1 Mimosa	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Approx. height: 10m	Average spread: 4m	Age class: Mature
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- A specimen of impressive size and in apparent good health, but with poor form having been the subject of heavy crown reduction. Predictably, there are a number of broken/hanging/split branches throughout the crown.
- This tree is located to the rear of dwellings and has only limited visibility from surrounding property and The Drive.
- It is of limited public amenity value now that its form has been structurally compromised and a regular repeat of this operation will be necessary throughout its remaining lifespan.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to maintaining it at reduced dimensions is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- This work if undertaken to a high standard will not incur a noteworthy loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend below the point of origin.
- 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
- 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 interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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