

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/213/21/T

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

Description of works: Fell 1no. Cypress Pine tree

Reasons given: Health and safety

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.
- I noted a couple of small broken branches hanging down over the carriageway although nothing of obvious concern with the main limb framework.
- 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:

- It is acknowledged that the tree does not enjoy a long-term prospect of good health, although remains viable for safe retention and as a continuing visual amenity, if subject to adequate management. Felling has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- This tree may continue to provide significant visual amenity for years with good management and has not been proven to present an unacceptable level of risk for its location, so should be retained.

Recommendation:

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

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