

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman
Planning Application Ref: **AW/216/21/T**
Location: **16 Barrack Lane, Aldwick, PO21 4BZ**
Description of works: **Fell 2 no. Leyland cypress trees**
Reasons given: Health and safety (multiple defects)

Comments on Application:

T1 Leyland cypress / X Cupressocyparis leylandii Height: 15-20m, Radial spread: 5-10m
T2 Leyland cypress / X Cupressocyparis leylandii Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 0-5m

- The applicant has employed The Arboricultural Consultancy as agent, to assess the trees and provide a report on their condition. This is comprehensive and I concur with the findings.
- There is one Tree Preservation Order affecting this site (Bognor No.2), an area Order made in 1958. I am satisfied that only item T1 could have been established at that time. Consent from the local planning authority is not required for any works to T2.
- T1 is prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users. As such, it does have some public amenity value although is only in a fair (and likely declining) physiological state. It grows tight against property boundary and is flanked by hard surfaces, making a replacement planting of similar ultimate height and spread impractical.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed has been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- T1 is of limited amenity value and not viable for safe long-term retention. Restricted growing medium and proximity to built structures preclude a requirement for effective compensatory planting.

Recommendation:

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

