

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

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TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/230/14/T

ADDRESS: Sea Mist 15 Waters Edge Aldwick PO21 4AW

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce crowns of 3 No Monterey Cypress trees by 1 metre.

INSPECTION DATE: 26/09/2014

RECOMMENDATION:Objection ☐No Objection ☒Suggested Conditions ☒Comment ☐Recommendation ☒Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐Dead/Dangerous ☐CA & Amenity Value ☐**Survey:**

Species: 3 x Monterey Cypress *Cupressus macrocarpa* **Height:** 12 meters (average) **Average Crown Spread:** 2.5 meters (average) **Crown Condition:** fair (average) **Form:** fair (average) **Age Class:** semi mature (average)

Comments:

- The outlined trees in this application is situated at the rear boundary line, of the property Sea Mist, Aldwick.
- Unfortunately I could not obtain access into this site when I visited (as the occupants were out), so my survey was conducted by what I could see over the neighbour's fence.
- It is clear these trees have be systematically trained in top forming a screen at a set height to the end of the property
- The pruning operation that is proposed would be another 'cut' cycle on an established routine for these trees. Failure to adhere to this routine would see these 'hedge line' revert back to trees.

Recommendation:

- **It would be therefore my recommendation that this operation is allowed to take place** as this the outlined individuals as it will ensure the form of this hedge/screen is retained. The applicant should also follow the conditions set below:

Conditions:

Condition 1: Crown Reduction

The Crown Reduction should not exceed the removal of single branch lengths which are greater than **1m** from the periphery of the original crown diameter. The branch removals should leave healthy substantial leaf bearing side branches. All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON

'In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of retaining good health and amenity in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan'.

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Tree Officer