CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date inspected: 9th November 2023

Case Officer: Hebe Smith

Reference: AW/233/23/T

Location: Orchard Cottage, Cypress Way, Aldwick, West Sussex, PO21 4DF

Proposal: Fell 1no. *macrocarpa* (T1).

Reason: Tree has become dangerous (high risk of harm to persons and property).

Comments on Application:

T1 Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa*

Height: 20-25m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Late mature

T1 is the subject of a preservation order – Bognor No.2

Outwardly appears to be in a fair physiological state and stable. A large and prominent tree, long-established in the landscape and a major constituent of the mature evergreens which lend a verdant character to this end of Cypress way.

The crown carries a relatively high percentage of deadwood and branch stubs. The twin stem union appears sound although acutely angled; bark inclusion is likely, the same revealed at point of recent large-part detachment. Several large limbs have broken and detached from the NE side also, high in the crown.

It is arguable that removal of T1 at this time would be premature. That said the tree has effectively put all parties on notice that it is vulnerable to gale damage and with each event incurs a loss of visual amenity with no chance of recovery.

It is now a question of whether the tree has enough safe, useful life expectancy to justify its retention on amenity grounds, given the risk of further damage to persons and property.

Conclusions:

The proposed work can be justified on arboricultural grounds.

There is ample scope for a replacement tree of similar ultimate stature and longevity, which can be secured by condition. This is necessary to compensate for the loss of mature canopy and impact on landscape.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within five metres.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the cypress tree (T1).

The species shall be selected from the following:-
Western red cedar *Thuja plicata*
Scots pine *Pinus sylvestris*
Stone pine *Pinus pinea*
Sweet gum *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Reasons: To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer
Environment and Climate Change

[redacted]

From: Nicola Oktay on behalf of Planning.Responses
Sent: 14 November 2023 09:55
To: Planning Scanning
Subject: FW: AW/233/23/T
Attachments: AW.233.23.T.pdf

Tree Officers response

Nikki Oktay
Planning Receptionist, Planning Department

T: 01903 737965
E: Nicola.Oktay@arun.gov.uk

Arun District Council, Civic Centre, Maltravers Rd
Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF
www.arun.gov.uk

To register to receive notifications of planning applications in your area please go to https://www1.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-finder



From: Mark Warwick <Mark.Warwick@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 11:43 AM
To: Planning.Responses <Planning.Responses@arun.gov.uk>
Cc: Hebe Smith <Hebe.Smith@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: AW/233/23/T

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer, Environment and Climate Change

Arun District Council, Civic Centre, Maltravers Rd

Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF
www.arun.gov.uk