

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/242/18/T**

Location: **4 Larchfield Close, Aldwick PO21 4RB**

Description of works: **Crown reduce 1 No. Pine by 3m in height and 1.5m in lateral spread.**

Reasons Given: Excessive shading

Comments on Application:

Monterey pine *Pinus radiata* Height: Approx. 10m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early mature

- Tree appears to be healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile.
- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings but only with difficulty from publicly accessible land.
- It has been the subject of one recent crown modification (c2015), approved by the local planning authority and has responded with vigour.

Conclusions:

- The reasons proposed for the work are not sufficient of themselves to justify the operation now proposed. That said, this is a tree which has undergone previous 'containment pruning' to be more in harmony with its immediate surroundings and retains high growth potential.
- The work proposed is reasonable and if undertaken to a high standard will not incur a noteworthy loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.
- 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 beyond the point of origin.

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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