

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/277/18/T**

Location: **28 Pinehurst Park, Aldwick, PO21 3DL**

Description of works: **Fell and replace 2No poplar trees, fell and replace 1No. Monterey cypress and crown reduction to 1No poplar tree by 3m from the height and 1m from lateral limbs**

Reasons Given: T3 – Change of growing environment T4, T6, T7 – Poor or dangerous condition

Comments on Application:

T3, T4, T7 Lombardy poplar / *Populus nigra Italica*

T6 Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa*

- The applicant has employed The Arboricultural Consultancy Ltd to undertake a full condition survey of trees at this property and give recommendations for management options.
- The above trees have been accurately described and I concur with the findings in the report. Although appearing outwardly to be in fine physiological state, those trees proposed for removal have on close inspection significant structural defects. They are components of a closely spaced group which is a substantial stock for the size of garden.
- They grow to the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings. The poplars are visible on the skyline from across adjacent arable farmland and are a legacy of past shelterbelt planting. Many examples of this tree type locally are nearing the end of their safe, useful life expectancy or have been reduced in height. They have some landscape and public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to mitigate an established unacceptable level of risk of harm to persons/property.
- There is sufficient density of established large trees nearby to preclude the usual condition requiring replacement tree planting, although I fully support and encourage the stated intention to introduce new trees to improve the local treescape.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- 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.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team