

Planning Officer: Hannah Kersley

Planning Application Ref: AW/361/21/TC

Location: Craig Rock, 21 Craigweil Manor, Bognor Regis, PO21 4DJ

Description of works: Fell 1no. *Cupressus macrocarpa* (T1) within the Craigweil House, Aldwick Conservation area

Comments on Application:

Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state with a largely unmodified and until recently - a full and attractive crown profile. It is in a prominent position and has obvious landscape value.
- The southern aspect of the crown has recently suffered extensive damage from a violent squall. Several main limbs have been left torn and/or truncated, with most of the damaged material removed from site. Minor branch damage in the upper crown persists and this may have occurred subsequently.
- The crown interior is now exposed to prevailing wind and further damage inevitable. Cypress do not produce growth from dormant buds and so recovery of form is not possible.

Conclusion:

- Although the tree is not obviously dangerous following recent gale damage and may still provide some visual amenity and interest; it is probably not viable for long-term retention as an attractive feature tree.
- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

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