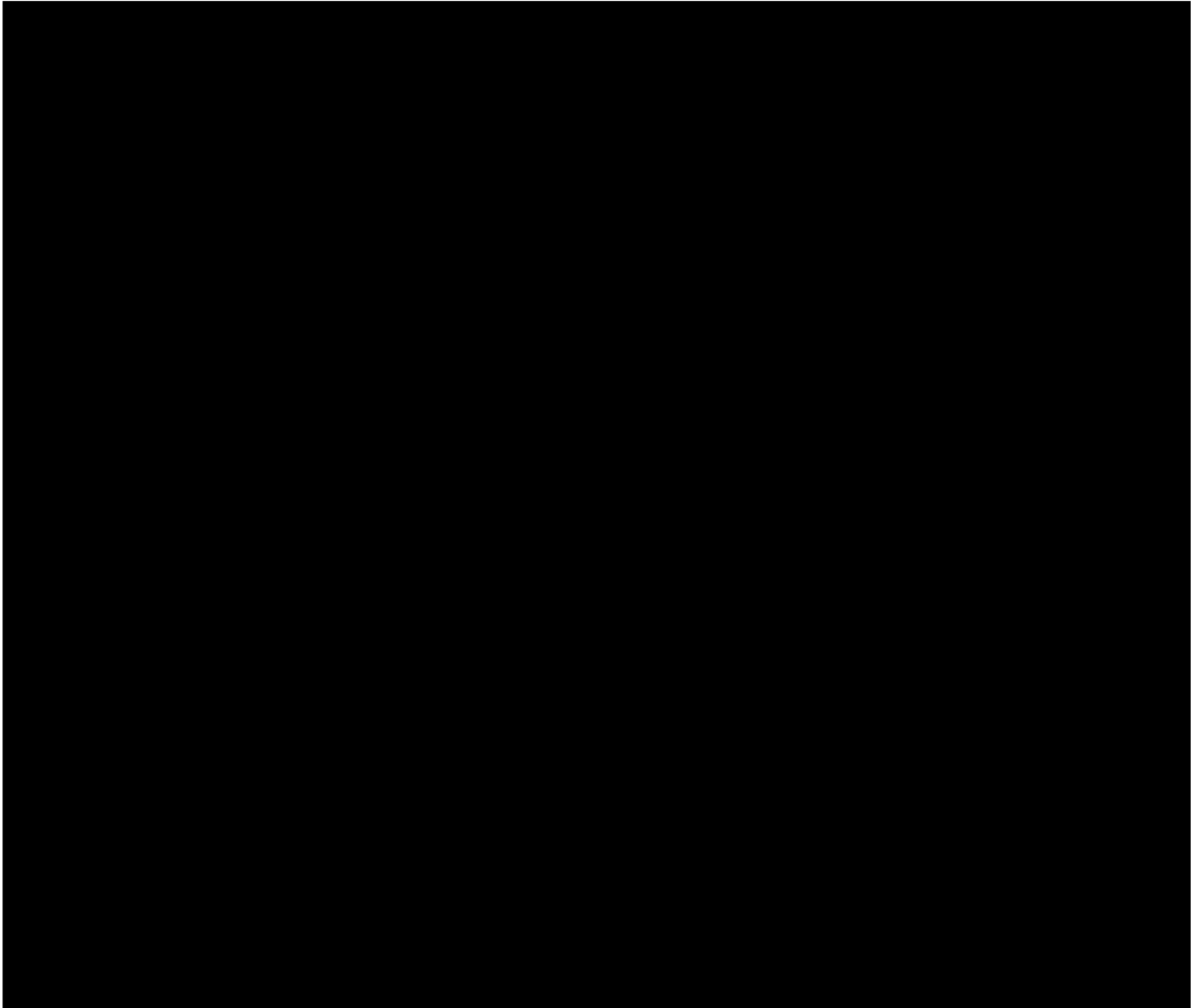




Planning Officer: Amber Willard
Planning Application Ref: AW/366/17/TC
Location: Laburnum House, 16 Kingsway, Aldwick
Description of works: Fell 8 Conifer trees
Comments on Application:

Leyland cypress *X Cupressocyparis leylandii* Height: 4.5 Ave. radial spread: 0.75m Age: Early mature

- Group planting of cypress, which due to their inherent high growth potential and proximity to residential dwellings have had to be regularly trimmed and kept at a low height. They have as a consequence become 'patchy' in appearance with areas browning off and gaps developing. Due to their tight spacing, as individuals all their foliage appears on the outer aspects of an asymmetric and truncated branch framework - so as a group have become 'hollowed out'.
- While they still provide a degree of screening between property frontages, this is of ever diminishing value and they make only a small contribution to the character of the area. They are in decline with negligible chance of recovery, so are reaching the end of the useful life expectancy.
- Removal of these trees will expose a fine specimen of variegated holly in the neighbouring property, which handsomely compensates their loss.

Conclusions:

- This group of conifers do not make a significant contribution to the character of the local area and there is a specimen tree of greater form and stature in close proximity that will become more visible as a consequence of their removal.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a TPO in this instance.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team