

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 30th April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/63/26/T

Location: 23 The Fairway, Aldwick, PO21 4ES

Proposal: Crown reduction of 1no. *macrocarpa* (Monterey cypress) to leave a height of 19m and spread of 13m.

Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

This tree is within a conservation area and likely subject of a preservation order – Bognor No.2.

Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 20-25m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

The applicant seeks to reduce the top height and spread on all aspects, by approximately 4metres and 3metres respectively. This equates to a reduction in crown (limb and branch framework) volume of 70%, far in excess of any industry standard or guidance.

The percentage of foliage removed will be far greater, a large majority of which grows at the crown periphery where light levels are conducive to new growth.

Cypress trees have a poor tolerance of hard pruning as shoots will not grow from old wood, so therefore should only ever be pruned lightly.

From the applicant's garden and surrounding estate road network, the tree appears healthy, is prominent and displays an attractive profile. The arching branch tips are characteristic of this tree type when unmodified by hard pruning and responsible for much of its visual appeal.

There is no arboricultural justification given for the work and I found none for whole crown reduction pruning to any extent.

Conclusions:

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

We refuse consent for this application.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer

Environment and Climate Change



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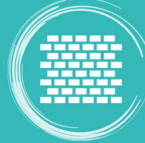
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Tree Officer, Environment and Climate Change

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