

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/140/18/T**

Location: **11 & 15 Waters Edge, Aldwick**

Description of works: Surgery to 4No. Monterey cypress trees

Reasons Given: To retain formal shape of trees

Comments on Application:

Monterey cypress *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: Approx. 8m Average Spread: 4m Age: Early mature

- This is a repeat application with revised specification (refer previous application AW/319/17/T – Refused).
- The four trees are situated in rear gardens and provide some visual interest to neighbouring property and shoreline visitors.
- They appear to be in a fine physiological state, albeit with reduced crown form and heavy exposure to salt-laden winds.

Conclusions:

- This latest application better respects the tree's ongoing health and vitality, by retaining an adequate amount of foliar mass.
- If the work is undertaken precisely and does not exceed the upper limit of proposed branch reduction, then there should not be a notable loss of amenity value.

Recommendations:

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

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