

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/65/21/T

Location: 11 & 15 Waters Edge, Aldwick

Description of works: Crown reduction to height approx. 7.5m and spread approx. 3.5m 4no. Monterey pine trees

Reasons given: To retain shape of trees

Comments on Application:

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

- The four trees are situated in rear gardens and provide some visual interest to neighbouring property and shoreline visitors.
- It is assumed (last reviewed April 2018) they remain in a fine physiological state in the absence of any evidence/information to the contrary, albeit with reduced crown form and heavy exposure to salt-laden winds.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce overall height and spread with a view to maintaining formal appearance is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard, the trees should be able to remain long-term visually interesting features in the landscape.

Recommendation:

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

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

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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