

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **AW/70/15/T**

LOCATION: WSCC Highway verge
 Outside 3 Lucerne Court
 Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Reduce crown to 1No. Monterey Cypruss tree as follows - reduce height by 1-2m, reduce lateral extent to east aspect by 1-2m, south aspect by 1m & west aspect by 2-3m

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	The tree the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Tree is located on a grass verge with no boundary treatments.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	The tree is located on the WSCC owned grass verge forward of 3 Lucerne Court.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The character of the locality is predominantly residential and consists of detached properties of various designs and styles.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

Members agreed that the Arun Arboroculturist should be consulted regarding the application and that his recommendation/decision be applied.

Comments on Representations received:

Comments noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Council's Tree Officer:-

Comments:

- The Outlined trees are situated in the area of Aldwick. This is a high Amenity area with rich stock of varying established trees in the immediate landscape.
- The tree cited in this application is covered by an active TPO.
- The applicant has applied to reduce the height by no more than 2 meters, to reduce lateral eastern spread by no more than 2 meters, to reduce southern lateral spread by 1 meter, and to reduce the western spread by no more than 3 meters.
- From the site inspection, it is clear that the outlined operations are designed to alleviate the conflict with the extremities of T1 with the surrounding BT phone cables.
- It is also clear from the site inspection, that T1 has had previous reductions that would emulate the applied for reductions.
- From the site inspection, it is clear that the reduction operations that have been applied for in this application are unlikely to have a lasting detrimental effect on the aesthetic value offered by T1.

Recommendation:

- As this operation is clearly designed to prevent any conflict with the surrounding BT wires and BT pole, I would have no objection to the proposed operation, to reduce the height by no more than 2 meters, to reduce lateral eastern spread by no more than 2 meters, to reduce southern lateral spread by 1 meter, and to reduce the western spread by no more than 3 meters only.
- The following condition must be adhered to;

Condition:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation's Applicable to Site:-
Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The tree is located adjacent to the highway and is a dominant feature within the street scene. An inspection of the tree has been carried out by the Council's Tree Officer who has confirmed that the proposed works are to alleviate the conflict with the surrounding BT phone cables. It has been identified by the Council's Tree Officer that the reduction works applied for are unlikely to have a lasting effect on the visual amenity contribution of the tree.

Therefore, in accordance with the response from the Council's Tree Officer it is recommended that permission is granted for the proposed works.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

- 2 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

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