

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/80/22/T
Location: Malmayne Court, Aldwick Fields, Aldwick, PO21 3SW
Proposal: 1no. Monterey pine (03007) -fell due to weakened trunk from large branch falling in the storm. 1no. Monterey pine (03008) Crown lift low branches back to main stem to give 3m head clearance. 1no. Monterey pine (03009) - remove deadwood in crown
Reasons given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

T7 (03007) Black pine / *Pinus nigra* subsp. Height: 15-20m, Radial spread: 0-5m, Age class: Early mature

T8 (03008) Black pine / *Pinus nigra* subsp. Height: 15-20m, Radial spread: 0-5m, Age class: Early mature

T9 (03009) Monterey pine / *Pinus radiata* Height: 15-20m, Radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Mature

- The agent has employed Tree Care Consultancy to assess the trees and provide an arboricultural report. This is comprehensive and recommends a balanced set of work proposals to manage the trees in an appropriate state for their location. I concur with the assessment of condition and support work recommendations.
- All are prominent and together provide a visually impressive arboricultural feature. This can be appreciated by numerous residents of surrounding properties and users of the busy public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, they have amenity value.
- T7 and T8 are in fine physiological condition. They have attractive crown profiles which mask several structural imperfections (multiple stems and their subsidiaries). T7 has recently sustained a deep tear-out wound on main stem following storm damage. Although not hazardous the long-term structural integrity of the tree is compromised.
- T9 is in fair physiological condition, carrying a high percentage of deadwood and possibly in decline.

Note: Only T7 & T9 are the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. TPO/AW/41/10 and Bognor No.2 respectively.

- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require prior consent from the local planning authority.

Conclusions:

- Only T7 (03007) requires approval from the local planning authority. Although the tree remains healthy and viable for safe retention, long-term prospects are not good.
- It occupies a prime position for a high value tree, offering considerable visual amenity to a wide audience. A suitable replacement can be secured by a condition, ensuring continuity of this arboricultural feature.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 5metres.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the pine tree.

The species shall be selected from the following: -

Austrian pine *Pinus nigra subsp. Nigra*

Hop hornbeam *Ostrya carpinifolia*

Wild service tree *Sorbus torminalis*

Field maple *Acer campestre*

Sweet gum *Liquidambar styraciflua*

- **Reasons:** To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

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