

Planning Officer : Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: AW/88/14/T

Location : 34 Regis Avenue, Aldwick Bay Estate

Description of works: Fell the tree and plant a replacement of the same species in another corner of the garden

Applicants Reasons: This trees close proximity to neighbours property and low amenity value as it is in the rear garden

Comments On Application:

In view of the fact of the imminent date for determination I did not have time to carry out a full site inspection - this assessment has therefore been carried out by means of a drive past survey and using photographs taken by the planning case officer and from review of the paperwork submitted in support of the application.

T1 Dawn Redwood *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

Height = estimate 12m Avge spread = estimate 4m Age = Semi Mature

- A rare tree species and a good tree albeit with a low branching habit over adjacent property.
- This tree can clearly be viewed from Priory Close, Regis Avenue and The Fairway so I do not accept the applicants assertion that ti has low amenity value.

Recommendation:

I Object to the works that have been applied for and recommend a REFUSAL.

Reasons:-

- In the interests of public amenity in view of the fact that this TPO'd tree is of good form and a rare species and also makes a significant contribution to the Conservation Area.
- Its close proximity to the neighbours house has been given by the applicant as the primary reason for removal but no evidence has been submitted from an arboricultural expert or structural engineer to support a claim of damage said property.

Advisory:

I could support a crown lifting exercise on this tree subject to receipt of a new application seeking to establish a 3m ground clearance and 0.5m clearance from the roof of the garage next door - with no branches of greater than 100mm diameter being removed.



Consultant Arboriculturist