

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: A/118/18/T

Location: Blue Cedars, 1 Blue Cedars Close, Angmering BN16 4DW

Description of works: Row of 16 Cupressus Leylandii approx 4.5m tall - remove seasonal growth & reduce height by up to 1m. Row of 8 Cupressus Leylandii approx 4m tall - remove seasonal growth & reduce height by up to 1m

Reasons Given: Ongoing maintenance of formal hedge screening

Comments on Application:

G1 Leyland cypress *X Cuprocyparis leylandii* Height: Approx. 4m Average spread: 0.5m Age class: Mature

- The applicant makes a distinction of separate tree groups, described as items 1 and 2 but collectively recorded as G1 on the Tree Preservation Order schedule. They are maintained as boxed structures to provide formal garden features of screening value but provide little visual amenity to the surrounding area by virtue of their reduced dimensions.
- Both groups appear to be healthy and stable overall. A few areas of denuded growth on the front face of item 2 are a possible response to over-zealous trimming or cypress aphid infestation.

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.
- While these trees may add value to the garden they are of limited public amenity value. Ongoing maintenance (seasonal trimming) will be necessary to keep them in an appropriate state.
- There will be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application.

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