

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: A/132/20/T

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

Description of works: Row of 16 Cupressus Leylandii remove top seasonal growth of up to 1 metre and side growth, reducing the height to approx. 4.5m. Row of 8 Cupressus Leylandii remove top seasonal growth of up to 1 metre and side growth, reducing the height to approx. 4m.

Reason 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

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- 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.

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 and that the applicant be advised of the following:
- This specific operation is likely to be required regularly throughout the tree group's remaining lifespan and if undertaken to the same high standard ought not to be detrimental to their ongoing health and vitality. **Future applications for the work as described above will no longer be necessary, subject to the applicant providing adequate written notice to this authority and whilst undertaking such work must not cut back on any aspect to beyond sustainable live growth.**

Reasons: To facilitate the frequent trimming necessary to maintain the formal screening which these trees currently provide.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team