

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: A/150/17/T

Location: St Margarets Court, Arundel Road, Angmering

Description of works: Fell 1 No Lawson Cypress and carry out crown reduction to all others on site.

Reasons Given: General maintenance to keep trees in order and clear from cable routes

Comments:

Various Small Trees Avge.Height – 8m to 10m Avge.Spread – 3m Age – Semi-Mature

- The application states 20% and 30% reductions [which equate to 2m to 3m and then it states all trees to be reduced by 4m which is confusing and contradictory.
- The **Blue Cedar T4** does not require any works being undertaken to it as this would undermine its amenity value in the landscape.
- I can see that the **Lawson Cypress T3** is a very poor tree and hinders the growth of others so am happy to see it removed.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is standard maintenance and I have no issues with this being undertaken but I do object to the excessive amount of reduction which has been requested.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the felling of Lawson Cypress T3 [no replacement tree will be required on this occasion].
- I recommend **REFUSAL** for all other the works as listed in the application.

ADVISORY:

I would look favourably on a re-submitted application seeking the following:-

T1 Box Elder – reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

T2 Lawsons Cypress - reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

T3 Lawsons Cypress – fell to ground level

T4 Blue Cedar – no works advised at this time

T6 Mountain Ash - reduce crown by 1m maximum.

T7 Judas Tree - no works advised at this time

T8 Silver Birch - reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

T9 Silver Birch - reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

T10 Sycamore - reduce crown by 2.5m to 3m maximum.

T11 Sycamore - reduce crown by 2.5m to 3m maximum.

T12 Box Elder – reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

T13 Mountain Ash - reduce crown by 1m maximum.

T14 Hawthorn - reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

T15 Cherry - reduce crown by 1.5m to 2m maximum.

If this comes back in as above then I would recommend the following Condition is applied to it –

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

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

See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.

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