

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: A/75/21/T

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

Description of works: Crown reduction to 1no. *macrocarpa* to 4.0 m approximately in width. The overall height will also be reduced to a final height of approximately 10 metres.

Reason given: Reduced structural integrity (roots)

Comments on Application:

Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fair physiological state, displaying erratic crown form and obvious root-plate tilt. It is visible in part from surrounding properties but of limited public amenity value.
- The applicant has employed Arun Tree Company Ltd to assess the tree and provide a report on its condition. I concur with the findings and note it recommends a balanced set of work proposals to manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed has been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard there will be no loss of public amenity on completion.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Part a) 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

Part b) 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 tree's 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*

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

