

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: A/84/20/T

Location: Tall Trees, High Street, Angmering, BN16 4AW

Description of works: Reduce 2 lower limbs by 2m, reduce 3 higher branches by no more than 1m and remove all pine cones on south east aspect from 1no. Monterey pine tree

Reasons given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

Monterey pine / *Pinus radiata*

Height: 20-25m

Spread: 5-10m

Age class: Mature

- This tree is discreetly located within the expansive gardens of the owner's property. Although an individual tree, it should be regarded more as an important constituent of a group of 3x Monterey pine that by virtue of size and evergreen foliage has significant presence when viewed from a southern aspect. They are visible from neighbouring properties and the public highway (footway and carriageway) so have amenity value.
- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state and stable although with asymmetric form due to it being dominated by companion tree to the west.
- It is imposing over the applicant's garden, being a large tree of considerable height. The branches of this tree type are often heavily laden with large cones. Those which detach from the tree are usually over-ripe (have discarded their winged seed) and attached to an item of deadwood. As such, they can present a considerable hazard especially when falling from great height.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce selected branches and remove cones on a specific aspect to limit the tree's negative influence over garden space has been justified on arboricultural grounds and is consistent with works recently approved by the Local Planning Authority for this tree group over an adjacent plot.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard, then the tree should be able to remain a long-term visually interesting feature in the local landscape.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Part a) 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.

Part b) Cones must be carefully removed from their parent branch or shoot with sharp hand-tools (e.g. secateurs, pruning saw, loppers) only. Needle-bearing branches and shoots must remain intact.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Informative:

- We are obliged to advise that where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant the granting of consent by this authority does not by association give permission to undertake such works that require access onto/from that land.

Nor does it permit any work to take place beyond the boundary of the applicant's property. Additional permission must first be obtained from the land/tree owner.

Mark Warwick
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