

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: A/9/21/TC

Location: Pear Tree Cottage, Arundel Road, Angmering, BN16 4JR

Description of works: To reduce height of 2no. poplar from approximately 25m to 15m

Comments on Application:

2x Lombardy poplar / *Populus nigra Italica* Approx. height: 25m Radial spread: 2.5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state with excellent form. They have unmodified crowns so present attractive profiles and are visually impressive.
- They are visible from numerous residential properties and publicly accessible land. As such, they have amenity and landscape value.

Conclusions:

- There is no stated or obvious justification for height reduction pruning to any extent.
- In the absence of proven significant disease or defect; the proposal to reduce height by 10m is excessive and does not comply with 'British Standard (BS3998:2010) Tree work – Recommendations' and would be likely to result in harm to the health and vitality of the trees with large pruning wounds being formed as well as undermining their visual amenity value and impact in the landscape.

Recommendations:

- I register an **OBJECTION** to the work proposal.
- I recommend the making of a **Tree Preservation Order** to preserve both trees' place in the landscape and better control their future management. TEMPO forms and a GIS plan for this purpose can be found at the following location:
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