

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: BE/35/18/TC

Location: Shripney Manor, Shripney Lane, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Re-pollard 6No. Willows by 2-3m to previous pollard points.

Reasons Given: N/a

Comments on Application:

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| 6x Willow | <i>Salix sp.</i> | Average Height: 8m | Average Spread: 2.5m | Age: Semi-mature |
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- A linear group of boundary trees, viewed from the lane and which appear to be in fine physiological state. They have only moderate form and limited aesthetic value by virtue of their close spacing and pruning history – an abrupt termination of the main stems at approximately 5m ht.
 - They are positioned alongside residential dwelling and relatively obscured by the same and other more statuesque trees to the South and East.
 - The applicant seeks to repeat past operations and thereby manage them in an appropriate state for their location.
 - They have only limited visibility from the lane and neighbouring residential property.

Conclusions:

- The heavy past ‘topping’ of these trees effectively locks them in to a life of cyclical height reduction work so as to prevent them becoming structurally unsuitable for their location.
- These trees can only ever make a small contribution to the character of the surrounding area due to their pruning history and proximity to residential dwelling.
- The re-pollarding of these trees will not unduly diminish the character of the area.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a TPO in this instance.

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