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Lynnyrd

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: BR/312/19/T

Location: 2 Monterey Gardens, Bognor Regis, PO21 2FY

Description of works: Crown reduction by 2m to 1no. hawthorn tree and crown reduction by 1.5m to 1no. bay tree

Reasons Given: To give extra light and reduce overhang, in garden

Comments on Application:

TA Bay laurel / <i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Approx. height: 6m	Average spread: 1.5m	Age class: Mature
TB Hawthorn / <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Approx. height: 8m	Average spread: 3m	Age class: Mature

- **TA** - Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state although heavily suppressed and so of erratic form. It is visible from adjacent properties and only with difficulty from publicly accessible land. A tree of low public amenity value.
- **TB** - This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. The stem base and unions are restricted from view as the tree is located in a secure area. Visually a fine example of its type and appropriately the subject of an Order (T14, TPO/BR/1/02. It is on the edge of a broken tree-line that represents an informal boundary screen along rear boundary of neighbouring properties. As such, it also has some local value in providing connectivity between green infrastructure. It is visible from surrounding properties and to users of the public highway (carriageway and footway).
- Crown clearance from the nearest dwelling and above the garden seems reasonable and should be tolerated if this tree is to remain of high public amenity value. Some very light pruning of lateral branches on and lowest level growth could provide some improvement of conditions and be acceptable, but that is far from what is being sought here.

Conclusions:

- **TA** - This tree is not the subject of any Statutory Protection and so consent from the local planning authority for the proposed work is not required.
- **TB** - The proposal to reduce both the height and lateral spread on all aspects (the correct interpretation of *crown reduction*) by 2m respectively 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 tree with large pruning wounds being formed.

Recommendations:

- **TA** - The applicant should be advised that the tree is not the subject of any Statutory Protection and so consent from the local planning authority for the proposed work is not required.
- **TB** - I recommend **REFUSAL** for this item on the application.

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