

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: EG/26/17/T

Location: Bentworth- 116 Barnham Road, Barnham

Description of works: Fell 1 No Monterey Pine tree on road frontage

Reasons Given: Applying pressure to footpath surfacing with root action.

Comments:

Monterey Pine *Pinus radiata* Height: 12m AvgeSprd: 6m Age: Young

- This is still a relatively young evergreen tree and it is already causing problems and conflict.
- It is sound and healthy and a highly prominent and valued specimen in the landscape being TPO'd by virtue of the fact that it replaced a tree that was previously removed from this location.
- It has a good deal of growth potential and this is a vigorously rooted tree so matters can only get worse and ultimately this will become a safety issue given the footfall from the local school and a busy road to consider.
- This specific location does not support a forest type of tree.

Conclusions:

- There is no pruning solution to this problem and despite its obvious amenity value I feel compelled to allow tree removal on safety grounds

Recommendations:

- I do not recommend using the same site for the replacement tree – we will need to discuss this with the owners to see if there is a more suitable location on the site frontage where a replacement tree could be planted and then agree the species.

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