

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FG/150/17/T

Location: 3 Glen Gardens, Ferring

Description of works: Reduce and reshape the longer leaders by 4m overall and crown lift to 5m above ground

Reasons Given: Has been pruned in a similar way in the past and grown back with low overhang of house and drive and straggly habit needing to be controlled and improved.

Comments:

Blue Cedar *Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'* Height - 16m Sprd - 8m Age - Mature

- Sound and healthy and showing good vigour and vitality – highly visible in the landscape and of high amenity value.
- Has an open straggly habit to the upper crown zone and a very low branching habit over the house and drive.
- Shortening back the longer leaders by up to 4m will bring the crown back under control and give it a more compact form.
- Crown lifting to 5m will give good ground clearance over the driveway and house - as it currently grows down to within 2m of the ground.

Conclusions:

- The works proposed are reasonable and will negate the problems without adversely impacting on health and vitality or visual amenity value.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works as listed in the application and as shown on the annotated photographs - subject to the following :-

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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.

Reasons : In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.***



Consultant Arboriculturist