

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: FG/4/18/TC

Location: Barberry Lodge, 17 Ferring Street, Ferring

Description of works: Fell 1No. Golden Lawson & surgery to various trees

Reasons Given: N/a

Comments on Application:

Front garden

- **(T1) Lime** - The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require prior notification to this authority.

Rear garden

- **(T2) Ash** – Early-mature garden perimeter tree that overhangs public highway. Heavily pruned on its east aspect resulting in an asymmetric crown profile. Appears to be under physiological stress. Moderate to weak shoot extension. Visible from public highway and adjacent properties but of relatively low value due to moderate form and general condition.
- **(T3) Leyland cypress** – Early-mature and subject to past height reduction (topping) work. Poor form and visible only from neighbouring property.
- **(T4) Silver birch** – Mature and with good form. A fine example of its type and visible from neighbouring properties.
- **(T5) Holm oak** – Semi-mature and subject to regular crown trimming (containment pruning). In close proximity to dwelling. Discreet and visible only from neighbouring property and with difficulty.
- **(T6) Mixed evergreens** (holly, bay and Portugese laurel) - Early-mature garden boundary trees, visible only from neighbouring property. Slight inhibiting influence on adjacent specimen trees.
- **(T7) Lawson cypress** – Early-mature, multi-stemmed ornamental cultivar in close proximity to dwelling and becoming oppressive. Poorly sited and visible only from neighbouring property.

Conclusions:

- The majority of work proposed can be justified as reasonable management. With the exception of T4 none of these trees are individually worthy of an Order (TPO).
- With the exception of T2 the trees identified for work are discreetly located within a large garden given over to a good density of tree cover. There are other trees within the garden and more locally that provide greater amenity value due to their stature, prominence and more sympathetic pruning history so the overall character of the immediate area will not be unduly diminished by undertaking this work.

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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