

Planning Officer: Richard Temple

Planning Application Ref: FP/101/17/T

Location: 7 Wellers Close, Felpham

Description of works: Monterey Pine to be topped and sides reduced by 3m & crown clean by 20% & deadwood

Reasons Given: Casting heavy shade and excessive overhang of garden.

Comments:

Monterey Pine *Pinus radiata* Height – 18m Spread – 8m Age – Mature

- A mature tree of significant proportions that has sadly been neglected in terms of management and contains a lot of storm damaged and broken and lodged limbs as well as a lot of large diameter deadwood. Has a low branching habit down to within 2m to 3m of ground.
- It has been retained in too close to a new plot and thus causes intense shading and has heavy branch overhang of the garden with safety concerns ensuing.
- It is understood that the tree is in the ownership of the developer of this land but written permission has been issued to the owner to carry out the pruning subject to obtaining Council approval to same.

Conclusions:

- The proposal is reasonable to address the problems and inconvenience being suffered and will leave the tree in a safe condition.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application – with the proviso that the lateral spread reduction is undertaken all around the crown in a balance fashion and not just on the side facing the garden – otherwise the tree would be left in an unbalanced condition contrary to good arboricultural practice and the recommendations of BS3998:2010.



Consultant Arboriculturist