

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FP/123/17/T

Location: 16 Wellers Close, Felpham

Description of works: Monterey Pine to have limbs on east side over garden reduced by 2.5m to 4m

Reasons Given: Casting heavy shade and excessive overhang of garden + cones falling + split limb

Comments:

Monterey Pine *Pinus radiata* Height – 18m Spread – 7m Age – Mature

- A mature tree of significant proportions but development has been permitted too close to the tree and the inevitable 'pressure to prune' has arisen.
- It causes some shading in the late afternoon/evening and has heavy branch overhang of the garden with safety concerns ensuing.
- It is understood that the tree may be in the ownership of the developer of this land so written permission will need to be obtained before any works can be undertaken.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce the length of several overhanging boughs by between 2.5m and 4m 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 subject to permission being obtained from the tree owner and also applying the following conditions: –

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- 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.*

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