

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin
Planning Application Ref: FP/57/21/T
Location: The Stables, 19 The Grove, Felpham, PO22 7EY
Description of works: Fell 1no. Macrocarpa tree and replacement with 1no. Liquidambar
Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 15-20m Spread: 5-10m Age class: Late-mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) this tree appears to be generally stable, free from obvious structural defect and in fair physiological condition at this time. Scattered small branch dieback symptomatic of *Seiridium* canker, as is typical of this species at such an age.
- This is a visually interesting and important landmark tree, being highly visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, it has high public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The tree work proposed in the application has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The work proposed would incur a significant loss of visual amenity from the locality.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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