

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: FP/59/19/T

Location: 54 Outerwyke Road, Felpham, PO22 8NF

Description of works: Fell 3no. Monterey cypress trees and various works to 1no. silver birch tree and 4no. Monterey cypress trees

Reasons Given: Actionable nuisance and interference with reasonable enjoyment of property

Comments on Application:

T1 & T3-T9 Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Average height: 18m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

T2 Black pine / *Pinus nigra* Approx. height: 18m Average spread: 4m Age class: Mature

- No individual trees are worthy of specific comment for the purposes of reviewing this application; all can be satisfactorily considered for generic comment by virtue of their group value as follows:
- The majority of Monterey cypress appear to be under varying degrees of physiological distress, evidenced by low upper crown density and localised branch dieback.
- They grow all along the east boundary and dominate conditions in both front and rear gardens as well as overbearing the dwelling. They are prominent on the skyline from western public approaches.
- While an established long line of large trees which help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity; they are of limited safe useful life expectancy and in several cases present a hazard to persons and property.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to mitigate the risk of harm to persons and/or property and moderate tree's influence over adjacent residential property.
- There will be some loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works, but this is outweighed by the long-term potential for nuisance arising from the tree's uninhibited growth or presence.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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

Advisory:

- We are obliged to advise that where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant the granting of consent by this authority does not by association give permission to undertake such works that require access onto/from that land. Nor does it permit any work to take place beyond the boundary of the applicant's property. Additional permission must first be obtained from the land/tree owner.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

