

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley

Reference: FP/7/22/T

Location: The Green (bordered by Copeland Rd, Minton Rd and the Ridgeway), Felpham, PO22 8EF

Proposal: 1no. willow tree (1) - remove 6m on N/E side to leave 2m and crown lift over road up to 2.5m. 1no. pine tree (2) - remove lowest limb on S/E. 1no. holm oak (3) - Crown lift over road up to 2.5m and remove limb going into pine tree. 1no. poplar tree (4) - re pollard to previous points. 1no. pine tree (5) - Crown lift up to 2.5m on South side

Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

T2 Monterey pine / *Pinus radiata* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

T5 Monterey pine / *Pinus radiata* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- The Green is affected by area Tree Preservation Order, Bognor No. 5 (A9). It protects whatever species were established at the time the Order was made (1963). My judgement is that only items T2 and T5 would be protected by that Order. The remaining trees listed in the proposal are not suitable candidates for a new Order so we need not consider them further.
- Outwardly both trees appear to be in a fine physiological state. They are visually impressive with heavy low branches contributing greatly to their character.
- They appear slightly stunted, a probable consequence of growing at such an exposed coastal location, to which they have adapted well. They can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users. As such, they have high amenity value.
- Crown clearance from carriageways appear adequate at this time.

Conclusions:

- There is no obvious arboricultural justification for the work proposed (T2 & T5). Those trees are a significant feature in the local landscape and appear to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of their landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.
- T1, T3 & T4 are not the subject of any Order or within Conservation Area, so consent from the local planning authority is not required for the work proposed.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application (T2 & T5).

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Tree Officer / Greenspace