

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 10th February 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova

Reference: LU/12/26/T

Location: Central Wetlands, North Littlehampton Site, Toddington Lane, Littlehampton, BN17 7TA

Proposal: 5no. weeping willows- Habitat to leave the stem and height of 3m (T129). Pollard to leave a height of 5m (T130). Pollard to leave a height of 4m (T140). Habitat to leave the stem and height of 3m (T141). Crown reduction to leave a height of 10m and spread of 10m (T142).

Reason: Risk management

Comments on Application:

All trees in the proposal are subjects of a preservation order – TPO/LU/1/13. Whilst most of the willow are individually unremarkable, collectively they provide considerable amenity and have significant impact on the local landscape and environment more broadly.

Important to note that all work described in the proposal has been undertaken so this is a retrospective application for consent.

The submitted tree survey and sketch plan provided by the agent (Barrell Tree Consultancy) is comprehensive and we rely on their observations.

Conclusions:

The work undertaken is probably justified on arboricultural grounds although unauthorised as it did not qualify under any exception. We are denied the opportunity to satisfy ourselves all the work is necessary and to impose conditions on the work or provide informatives in the decision notice.

The quality of the works is acceptable and meet the requirements of our standard condition. The optimum time for hard pruning of willow trees is late spring to summer, but this cannot be controlled by planning condition, only advised in an informative.

This application for retrospective consent is supported by a comprehensive arboricultural report. The outcomes I witnessed on site are consistent with their work recommendations (see photographs at foot of this report).

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.

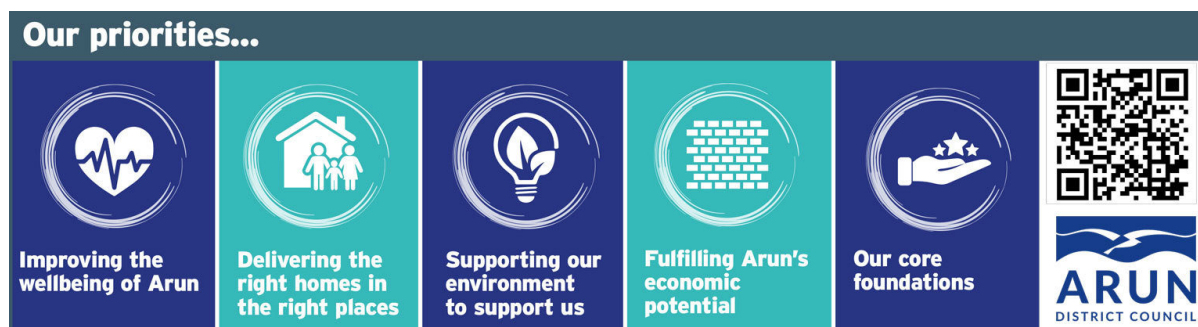


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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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