

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner
Planning Application Ref: M/23/20/T
Location: Cassia, 6 Ilex Way, Middleton-On-Sea, PO22 6PQ
Description of works: Fell 2no. Lawson cypress trees and various works to 5no. hazel trees
Reasons given: G1 – To open ditchline G2 – Intolerable nuisance

Comments on Application:

G1 Hazel (G5 on the TPO/M/1/87/ <i>Corylus avellana</i>)	Approx. height: 6m	Age class: Mature
G2 2x Lawson cypress / <i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i> cv.	Approx. height: 6m	Age class: Early-mature

- The applicant has employed Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd to assess the trees and provide a report, which recommends a balanced work proposal to manage the trees (G1) in an appropriate state for their location.
- G2 are not the subject of an Order. The applicant does not need consent from the local planning authority to undertake any work.

Conclusions:

- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendations:

- The applicant/agent to be advised that our consent is not required before undertaking any work to G2.
- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) 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
- Part b) 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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team