

Planning Officer: Tracey Headley-Smith
Planning Application Ref: M/95/18/T
Location: 7 Hadley Close, Middleton-On-Sea, PO22 6PG
Description of works: Reduce height of 3No. Hazel trees by 8m
Reasons Given: None given

Comments on Application:

Hazel / *Corylus avellana* Height: 8m Average spread: 2m Age class: Mature

- These three trees are actually established coppice stools giving rise to multiple stems.
- The applicant seeks a height reduction of such extent that it is in effect a re-coppicing operation.
- They provide some visual amenity to surrounding properties but offer little if any to the wider public.

Conclusions:

- Coppicing on a rotation of 10-25years is an established management technique for this tree type and should be repeated on a regular basis once initiated.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees long-term vitality.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is given for this application.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team