

Planning Officer: Simon Davis

Planning Application: Erection of 1 No 4 Bed house and 2 No 3 Bed bungalows

Reference: P/4/18/PL

Location: Land at former Kings Beach Hotel 5 The Parade, Pagham

Comments:

- The applicants have employed an arboricultural consultant – **Barry Draper of EcoUrban Ltd.** to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment in support of their proposals.
- The assessment complies with BS5837 recommendations and I can confirm that I agree with the gradings allocated to the group of Macrocarpas and the single Goat Willow that have been identified on this site.
- I would however point out that an off-site tree has been missed off the survey and should really have been included - but given that it is a very poor quality self sown Elderberry and not a tree of any value I am prepared to overlook it on this occasion.

Conclusions:

- The group of Macrocarpas and the single Goat Willow are of poor quality and limited value and not worthy of retention and should not be seen to constrain a layout of architectural merit.
- However, I do think that there is an opportunity here to plant some replacement trees of quality to enhance the site for the future.

Recommendations:

- I raise **NO OBJECTION** to this scheme on the grounds that the group of Macrocarpas and the single Goat Willow are of poor quality and limited value and not worthy of retention.
- However, I would like to see a Planning Condition applied that ties the applicant in to providing three replacement trees of a size and species and at locations to be agreed with the local authority Tree Officer.



Consultant Arboriculturist