

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: R/250/19/T

Location: Car park at Willowhayne Mews, Preston Paddock, Rustington, BN16 2AF

Description of works: Remove branches overhanging car park from 3no. Leylandii trees

Reasons Given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

3x Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 10-15m Spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- These trees grow in linear formation, individually distinct constituents of a group forming a useful evergreen screen. Although incorrectly identified by the applicant, this is of no real consequence – both tree types are botanically similar and require the same management approach. Outwardly they appear to be in fair physiological condition and stable.
- They are visible from adjacent residential properties but discreet when viewed from publicly accessible land. The immediate area is characterised by much larger trees, some of considerable public amenity value.
- Low branches are becoming an impediment to part of designated residential parking area, some are in decline.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard, then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

- 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

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