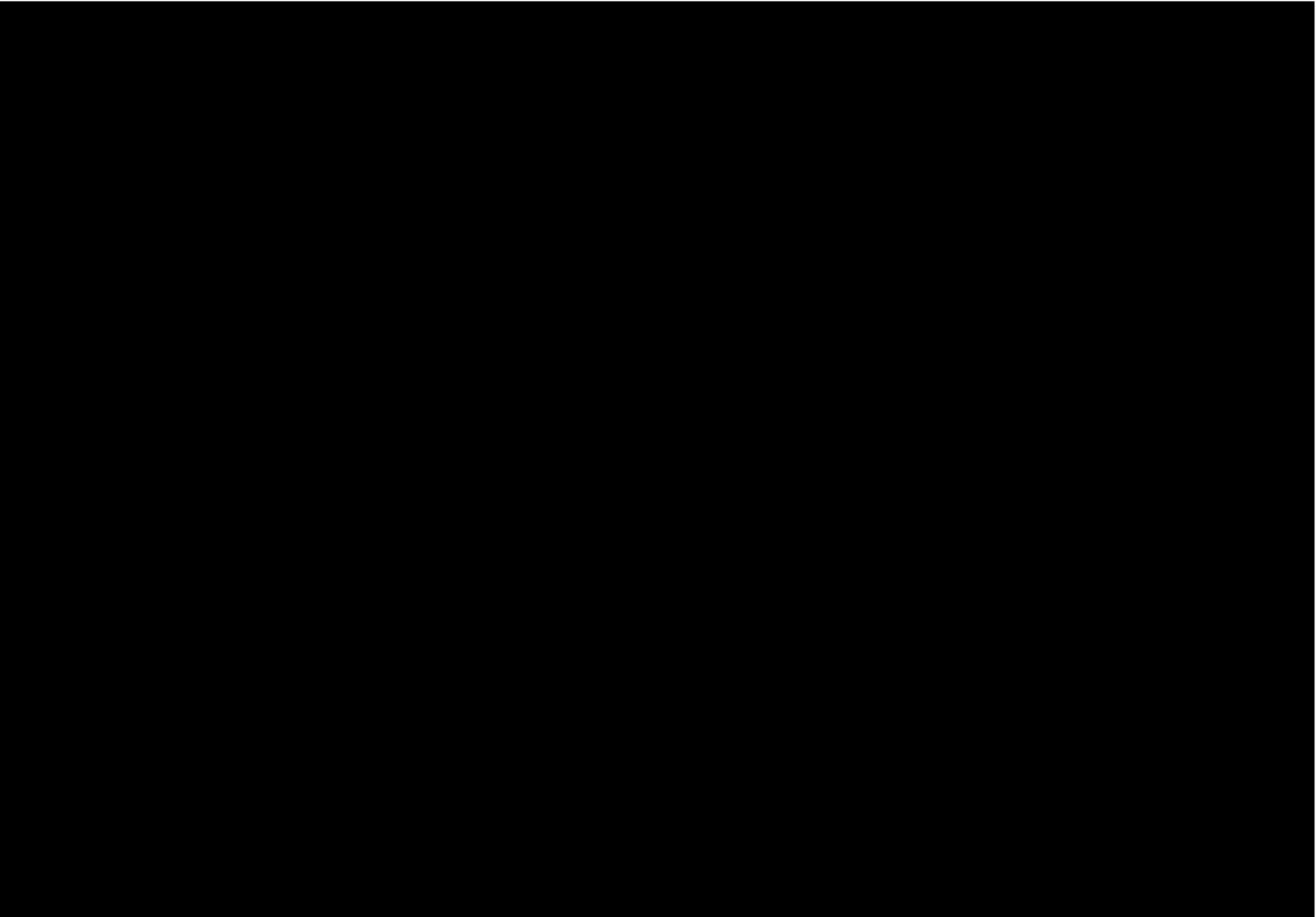




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Dear Harry

I have just received your emailed comments on our TPO application for the Sea Estate Rustington via Sian Duffy at Arun Office Services Ltd. Thanks for returning my phone call of a few minutes ago.

I am obviously pleased that items 1A-10A have been accepted.

In order for work to commence in the New Year I am prepared to withdraw our application in respect of items 11A and 12A so as not to incur delay to other work. Can you please confirm whether this email is sufficient to effect that change.

However, I want to set this in context.

The two Monterey Cypresses (items 11A & 12A) have now been subject to TPO applications for the last three years which have been refused (a similar application in respect of the same species in Sea Avenue was approved three years ago).

I agree that the two trees in question are magnificent specimens. However, residents are increasingly agitated about these trees and will appeal a refusal. The trees now span the road into properties opposite and extend over gardens on the south side of The Thatchway.

We take our responsibilities for trees on the Estate very seriously (there are currently 352 trees for which we are responsible). All we require is some indication of what we would be allowed to do, even if this is minimal.

Branches do break off in high winds in the winter (Monterey Cypresses are notoriously brittle), some large enough to do damage.

It is disconcerting to residents in The Thatchway that similar specimens on the Botany Close side of the gate have been severely cut back in the last few years and one on the corner of Botany Close/Pigeonhouse Lane subject to deliberate damage leading to the need to fell the tree.

I hope this provides some context to my response.

Kind Regards

Jeff Hynam
Trees Officer (Sea Estate Residents Association Ltd)