

PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES
at
YEW TREE NURSING HOME
North End Road, Yapton, BN18 0DU

Identification of Trees.

1. The Yew Tree to the front of Yew Tree House, labelled Y-01 on attached Landscape Plan P.02.012 is to be retained and preserved.
2. The line of 12 No. Lawson Cypress trees to the south west of Yew Tree House, detailed on attached Landscape Plan P.02.012. LC-12 only is to be retained.

Proposed Works

1. Existing Yew Tree (Y-01)

- Complete dead-wooding of the tree.
- Erection of 600mm high timber retaining structure to provide greater protection to above ground root mass, together with application of additional mulch to 100mm below retaining structure
- Modest reduction in length of side branches in way of existing building and to improve crown 'balance'.
- Removal of ivy
- Provision of 600 wide shallow perimeter, gravel soakaway, to provide additional water with nutrients to this tree.

2. Existing Lawson Cypress Trees

- Fell LC-01 to LC-11, retaining LC-12 (slightly removed and off-set from old hedge line).
- Stump removal to 250mm below ground level.

Reasons for Proposed Works

- (a) This solitary Yew Tree, which pre-dates the existing house, is considered to be a few centuries old, and is clearly suffering a degree of stress caused by its environment. This stress is exacerbated by:
- (a) Lack of light, caused by proximity to the 'over-grown' hedge, comprised of LC-01 to LC-11.
 - (b) Lack of moisture and nutrients, caused by not only the significant demand from the row of adjacent Lawson Cypress trees, but also by the surrounding paved area, which itself is laid to a fall away from the tree.
 - (c) Lack of adequate protection to existing root mass above surrounding ground level.
 - (d) It is considered that this solitary Yew Tree is of significant amenity value to all, including the association with the name of 'Yew Tree House'.

- (e) Felling of 11 No. overcrowded and over-grown Lawson Cypress hedge 'trees' will not only improve the stressed condition of the old Yew Tree, but also allow more light into the residents rooms inside the Nursing Home, whilst increasing the sustainability of the provision of power and light by the use of solar heat gain and inclusion of new sun pipes in the proposed refurbishment works (subject to concurrent Planning/Listed Building Consent Application).
- (f) Retention of LC-12, which is offset and remote from the main run of 'over-grown' Lawson Cypress hedge will maintain the amenity value to this area, provided by an improved 'view' of this fine columnar specimen.
- (g) The Courtyard adjacent to the above Lawson Cypress trees will be improved to the benefit of the Nursing Home residents who will now be able to benefit from increased heat and light without the risk of small branches falling from above.
- (h) Felling of the above Lawson Cypress 'trees' will provide an access to the new Nursing Home Bin Store, which is to be provided as part of the proposed Nursing Home refurbishment, which in itself will improve the amenity value of this corner of the site.

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Photo No. 01 attached - Existing bin area

Photo No. 09 attached - proposed new bin area

Photo No: 13 attached - Lawson Cypress (LC-12)

Photo No: 15 attached - Yew Tree