

**Planning Officer:** Charlotte Easton

**Planning Application Ref:** Y/95/18/T

**Location:** Tall Trees, Church Road, Yapton, BN18 0EJ

**Description of works:** Fell 13 No. Lawson cypress trees

**Reasons given:** 1. Trees at end of useful life expectancy. 2. Conservation area enhancement

**Comments on Application:**

**13x Lawson cypress / *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana***      Height: Approx. 7m      Average spread: 2.5m      Age class: Mature

- This group of even-aged trees are what remains of a much larger group of individual trees, now formalised in a boxed hedge structure and providing little if any public amenity. An isolated specimen to the west of the group appears to give some indication of their former glory, rightfully recognised in the making of an Order at that time.
- They appear to be in a fair physiological state although their form has been severely compromised by past management and they are becoming untidy in places. Limb and branch frameworks extend far out from and surround heavily truncated main stems - future management options are limited. They are reaching the end of their useful life expectancy.
- Maintenance obligations (hedge trimming) are high for both tree owner(s) and potentially the neighbouring properties. This may be considered disproportionately high given the benefits arising.
- The applicant has submitted details of an ambitious replacement planting scheme, which seems genuine and represents a significant enhancement on what currently exists.

**Conclusions:**

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to remove depreciated trees nearing the end of their useful life expectancy. This action is supported by an ambitious and genuine plan for replacement tree planting along this boundary of the plot.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

**Recommendations:**

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

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