

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

6 **Community Involvement**

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Comment	Officer Comment
This magnificent Monterey Cypress tree has been on our private estate for around 40 years. We have looked carefully at the photographs shown and, because of the angle they have been taken we think are misleading. The previous Boards of Directors of Sea Front Holdings Ltd have, over those years, had this tree regularly and carefully maintained by experienced tree surgeons. The beautiful symmetrical shape has been nurtured over that time to make it what it is today. We feel that any removal of branches particularly 2 Metres from 2 sides will ruin the wonderful shape of this established tree that our residents love.. We would not consider the said overhang sufficient to interfere with the minimal amount of tall vehicles that enter this estate to sacrifice our tree in this manner.	The comments are noted, however it is considered that the work is minor in nature and will not detrimentally affect the health or amenity value of the tree.
After seeing a TPO had been put on this wonderful Monterey Cypress I was happy it was safe from removal or imprudent pruning. I have lived on this estate for 42 years and during this time the tree has been sympathetically trimmed and maintained by tree experts to produce the wonderful canopy and shape it is today. In all those years I have never heard a complaint from residents or visitors as to it being a safety hazard for persons	The comments are noted, however it is considered that the work is minor in nature and will not detrimentally affect the health or amenity value of the tree.

or vehicles. There is no overhang to impede cars of an average height or lorries or motorcaravans, at worst very high sided vehicles may just brush the very high soft foliage ends. However, this quiet private estate is not meant for gigantic vehicles anymore than other quiet roads on Hayling. Although there has been the rare occasion that a very large vehicle has needed to come on, it has caused no incident. The roads are all of good width and able to accommodate all types of traffic. Ambulances, fire engines and refuse vehicles never have a problem but in any event this tree really does not present a problem or hazard. The photographs submitted are not the best angle to give a true indication as to the extent the road may be overhung, if any. In fact, most is over the green and very little in relation to the road. To suggest taking 2 metres from 2 sides and up to 6 metres in height is ludicrous, this would completely unbalance the tree not to mention the bizarre appearance it would create. There really is no criteria to support this application and one has to wonder why it has been submitted. I am one of 108 shareholders who own the estate and I have had no prior communication regarding this matter, which one would expect. I am sure many residents would be saddened to see this tree decimated in this manner. These trees are known for their ability to self shed debris, foliage, branches, they thrive on being left in their centre and the best situation to site them is in 'coastal areas and back from the shore'. This is what we have, a gem of a tree which may just need some light sympathetic pruning, if any.

I grew up on this estate and for 25 years have my own bungalow on the green where this Monterey Cypress is sited. This tree is a landmark to the estate and much loved. All types of vehicles use the access roads around it and there have never been any problems to do so. I do not understand

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how it can be suggested it is a safety hazard, it definitely is not a safety hazard to us driving or walking past it. Please do not allow it to be ruined by the proposed actions.	
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7 **Planning Considerations**

7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

- Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

7.2 My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.

7.3 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one mature Monterey Cypress located in the south west corner of the grassed open space managed by Seafront Holdings (Hayling Island) Ltd. The applicant seeks to prune the foliage overhanging the road back to the kerb line to reduce any encroachment over the road to provide clearance for high sided vehicles and cars.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species and is visible in the public domain.

8 **Conclusion**

Whilst the tree is a fairly even shape at present, the work proposed is considered to be minor pruning which will not harm the health or amenity value of the tree. The main purpose of the works is to ensure that there is enough clearance for high sided vehicles (dustbin lorries etc) when using the highway and to ensure that they do not come into contact with the tree causing damage. For these reasons permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/01254

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).
Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
- 2 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 27/02/2020.
Reason: To control the timing of the works