

APPLICATION BY MR J CHALLS TPO 0928

IDENTIFICATION OF TREE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

I am applying to undertake crown reduction work on a mature Monterey Cypress (Cupress macrocarpay) sited in my back garden at 14a Kingsway Hayling Island. The tree is subject to a TPO – 0928.

The tree is well in excess of 17m and over 1.5m in diameter with a crown radial of approx. 8.1m with a low canopy that spreads over 3 neighbouring properties. See enclosed sketch ref:01.

Due to its size the tree dominates the rear of my house and garden and the 3 neighbouring properties to a considerable level.

The work I am applying to have undertaken by a competent and registered tree surgeon is:

- Crown raise to circa 8m. Pruning wounds no larger than 75mm and to suitable growth points
- Crown reduce height and lateral growth by circa 5m

In doing this work I believe it will:

- Benefit the health of the tree
- Reduce the chance of branches falling into gardens affected by the tree and thereby reducing possible to injury / damage to persons or property
- Allow more natural light into homes and gardens affected by the tree

The three neighbouring houses affected by the tree have assured me that they would like the tree reduced as they have concerns regarding lack of natural light and possible risk to persons or property should any branches fall.

In 2011 the previous occupant of 14A Kingsway applied to have the tree felled. This application was refused and an appeal was made to the Central Government Planning Inspectorate. This led to a site visit by Mr Alan Engley MArb (RFS) FaborA MIHort MICFor AARC who dismissed the appeal but did consider the tree could be reduced, subject to Council agreement. A copy of his report is attached ref 02

