

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Furlonge House, Emsworth House Close, Emsworth

10/74384/000 - Crown reduce by 20% 2No. Silver Birch trees (T1 and T2) subject to TPO 1214., PERM,02/06/2010
GEN/12/00085 - Trees to be the subject of a TPO., ,26/01/2012

Fell 1No. Pine, subject to TPO 2005.

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
The diagram does not make it very clear exactly which pine tree it is requested to fell. There are a number of beautiful mature pine trees along the boundary at a good distance from the building, none of which would warrant felling. As Flat 36 is at the North West end of the block there are two of said pine trees nearby. The minor inconvenience of some needles in a gutter would not seem to justify losing one such tree. These trees are a distinctive backdrop to Furlonge House and are visible from Park Crescent.	Noted
I received a letter from yourselves about felling a pine tree. This application was submitted by our Landlords the Guinness Partnership. At no time have we requested that the pine tree be felled. We did request that 2 of the branches to be trimmed. When the wind blows, the pine needles are blown into the gutters blocking the gutters, when it rains the water cascades onto our balcony and gets into the double glazing.	Noted

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 The application relates to a mature Pine tree found in the rear grounds of a residential block of flats on the northern boundary. The base of the tree is surrounded by shrubs with the main stem clad with heavy Ivy growth. Within the canopy there is evidence of the previous removal of lateral branches on the main stem, otherwise the tree is

displaying what appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. The applicant has had an aerial inspection conducted on the tree and according to their assessment, the canopy is exhibiting what appears to be normal in vigour and vitality also. The tree has restricted views from the street scene since it is obscured by the building however, along with other mature trees, the Pine forms a green barrier between the flats and neighbouring property that provides privacy and adds an aesthetic quality to the area. The original application included the felling of the tree with the stated reason being to prevent Pine needles blocking the guttering of the flats. Since the main stem is located at a reasonable distance from the building, the felling of this healthy and mature tree would be considered excessive for a minor inconvenience. A more appropriate course of action to prune the furthest lateral branches on the southern sector that reach towards the flats by 0.5m was negotiated with the applicant during a visit to the site. This would maintain the harmonious relationship between the tree, building and the residents.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01215

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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Lateral reduction of 0.5m on southern sector on furthest extending branches only, subject to TPO 2005.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 17/01/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.