
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **14 Sapphire Ridge, Waterloooville**
DATE: Monday, 04 March 2024
REF: APP/24/00034
YOUR REF:

Dear Case Officer.

1. I have carried out a review of the relevant documents available on the HBC planning portal and provide the following comments. Please note this is as desktop review only, as I have not had instruction for a site visit. In the absence of a site visit I must assume any submitted descriptions and assessments of the trees and the site to be true, fair, and accurate.
2. I have been asked for comments following the applicants revised notification stating that they intend to remove a tree, noted as T1, on the submitted plan. No further description has been submitted, but I can see from Google Streetview (Aug 23) that the tree is a cypress, most likely Lawson cypress, around 3m from rear of the house.
3. As the tree is only around 3m from the existing building, it would not have space to reach full maturity and is only visible with difficulty from the street. For these reasons, it is my opinion that the tree would not merit a TPO.
4. The tree does provide some screening between the two properties, and this is likely why retention was initially desired.
5. Lawson cypress has a good tolerance to 'construction pressure' so may well survive the work. Impacts to the tree can be reduced by taking inexpensive precautions such as, preventing soil compaction around the tree and lining the sides of any foundation trench near the tree to prevent tree roots contacting chemical seepage from concrete. Tree stability must be considered when severing tree roots.
6. I see no justifiable reason to refuse planning consent or recommend planning conditions in relation to this tree.

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