

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Conservation Officer

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Councillor Phillipa Gray

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: 44

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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7.4 The majority of proposed works are exempt from formal notification, including the removal of deadwood, felling of dead elder, aerial inspection of a tree, removal of washing line etc.

7.5 The remainder of the work seems reasonable; the pruning of the yew (T1) from the rear of the building will be inconsequential in terms of public amenity/tree health, the repeat of previous reduction work to the sycamore (T15) is also fine. The most significant work is the reduction of cypress T16 and the felling of cypress T15. These are sited immediately adjacent to the roadside so are visible to the public. However, neither tree is of sufficient public value that it would justify imposing a tree preservation order. The reduction will be barely noticeable as the tree has only just grown above the height of the hedge. Its future growth should be constrained to prevent foreseeable damage to the multiple overhead lines which radiate from the immediately adjacent telegraph pole. The tree to be felled measures approx. 6m tall x 20cm dbh, with the upper third sparse of foliage. It's felling would not be harmful either to public amenity or to the special character of the Conservation Area.

8 **Conclusion**

Raises no objection

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/23/00812

(A)

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