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## Arboricultural Officer Report Application For Consent To Carry Out Tree Work

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| To                 | Stephen Cantwell                                 | From | David Cashman |
| Application number | APP/12/00777                                     |      |               |
| TPO Detail.        | Conservation Area                                |      |               |
| Location of trees. | Garden of Saxted House, 5 Tower Street, Emsworth |      |               |

### Site Visit:

- On the day of my site visit I was in the presence of Mrs Manley
- The only trees that I inspected were those detailed on the tree work application and my inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the trees health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the trees 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.

### Proposal

- Reduce height and laterals by 2.5m one cedar tree.
- Reduce width and height of two Irish yew trees.
- Reduce height by 2m of one hawthorn.
- Fell one bay.
- Reduce height by up to 4m of three lime trees.

### Tree Details (See attached photographs for further clarification)

- **Cedar:** Mature blue cedar approximately 15m in height. Overhanging the road and adjacent property. History of branch breakage with large branch falling and damaging neighbouring car last year. Proposal to carefully crown reduce and reshape will help reduce risk of future branch breakage.
- **Two Irish yews:** Two young trees framing archway. Proposal to prune is perfectly reasonable.
- **Hawthorn:** Maturing tree of little amenity value approximately 6m in height growing adjacent to flank wall of neighbouring property.
- **Bay:** Multi stem tree growing adjacent to garden wall approximately 5m in height. Low public amenity value.
- **Three limes:** Mature trees approximately 8m in height. Regularly reduced in size, reasonable to maintain pruning regime, no impact on wider amenity.

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## Comments/reasoning

Raise no objection to the proposed works.

**Recommendation:** This decision is based on whether or not the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons put forward in support of it, having assessed the amenity value of the trees and the likely impact of the proposal on the visual amenity of the locality.

- **T1 Permit the following:**
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## **Informative note**

- **Crown reduction and/or crown reshaping:** Involves the overall reduction of the height and spread of a tree's crown whilst, as far as possible, retaining its natural shape. Ideally, major work of this type should be spread over more than one growing season to minimise the effects on tree health of multiple wounds and loss of leaf area. It is advisable to retain smaller branches close to the pruning wounds to aid in the drawing up of water to the wounded tissues.
- **Timing of works:** Proposed works should not be carried out during the period of bud burst or leaf fall. Care should be taken to ensure that branches are cut back to healthy outward facing buds to avoid die-back to which some species are prone.
- **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981:** Note that it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to disturb roosting bats, nesting birds or other species. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work.
- **Owner's permission:** Permission should be sought from the owner of the trees prior to any approved work being carried out.

## **Representations**

The following representations were received and considered in the compilation of this report;

*CHC - Defect Caved's tree officer*

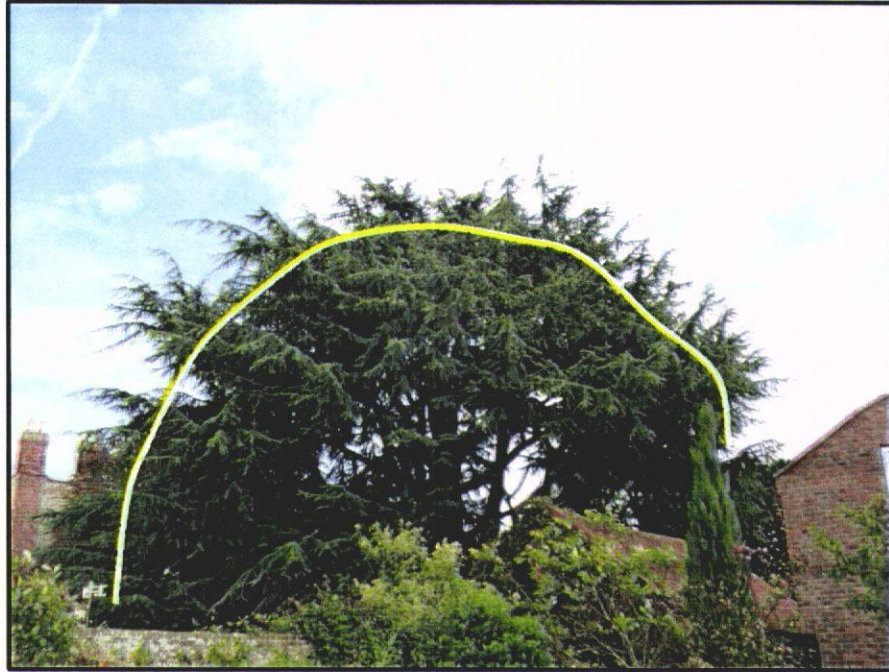
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| <b>Date of site visit</b> | 17 August 2012            |                                 |
| <b>Weather</b>            | Dry and calm              |                                 |
| <b>e-mail to Planning</b> | 20/08/12                  |                                 |
| <b>Inspecting Officer</b> | David Cashman<br>Treecare | Associate Director with Barrell |

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## Photographs



**Photo 1: The yellow line shows the approximate pruning line for the cedar.**

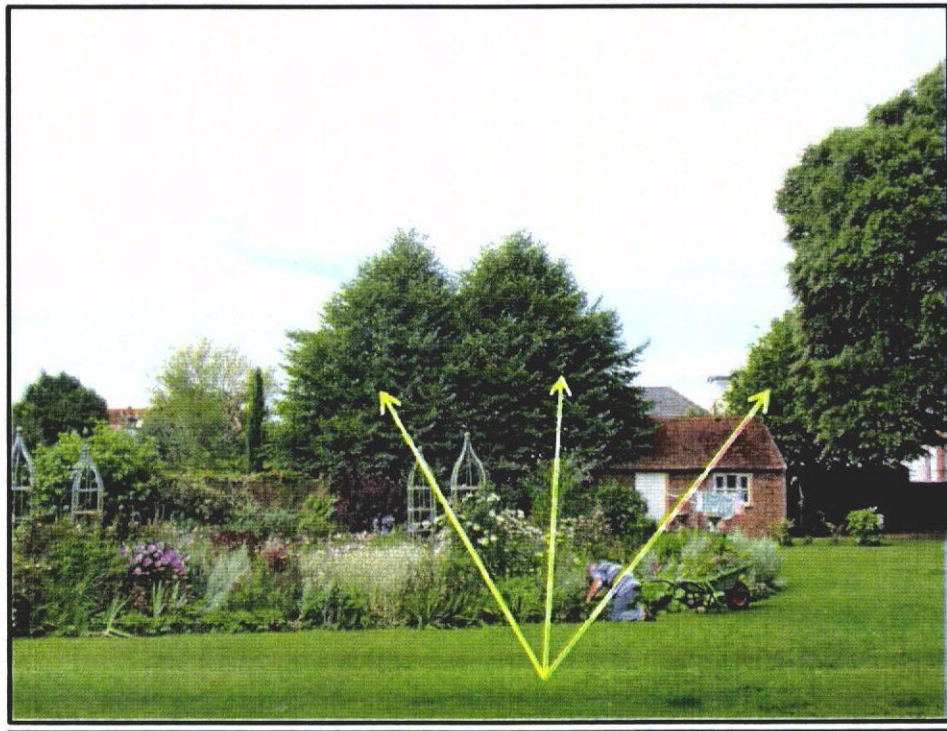


**Photo 2: The recent branch breakout wound on the cedar.**

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**Photo 3: The yellow arrow shows one of the many breakout wounds on the cedar.**



**Photo 4: The yellow arrows show the three limes.**

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**Photo 5: Showing the hawthorn and the yellow line shows the approximate pruning line.**



**Photo 6: Showing the bay tree growing adjacent to the garden wall.**