

Fw: Cupressus microcarpa APP/17/01309 1 Dolphin Quay PO10 7BU

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To: Planning and Development Shared Mailbox <planning.development@havant.gov.uk>;

Dear Planning Team,

I have been unable to access your website this morning. I am sending you my comment on a planning application APP/17/01309 at 1 Dolphin Quay, Emsworth. PO10 7BU

Today is the last day for comments; I would be grateful if you could include this with the other comments.

With many thanks,

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'The Cupressus macrocarpa or Monterey cypress in this application are listed as VU 'vulnerable' on the IUCN Red list which is supported by Kew. The two macrocarpa stand in both an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Conservation Area. They feature in a booklet on Emsworth's notable trees and form a majestic & beautiful backdrop to the Slipper Mill Pond. These trees are a key feature of the footpath beside Dolphin Quay - which is now part of the Coastal Path. The trees are resistant to salt winds and as they stand in a sheltered location they have assumed a graceful outline. These trees should be protected by a TPO.

The owner initially applied to fell these trees. The current application involves very severe pruning which we are advised could introduce disease to the trees. They will not regenerate in the way Yew would & they cannot be pollarded like other species. The owner has sent a letter to a local organisation that implies we as close neighbours are happy about the pruning and we have discussed branches that overhang our property. This is highly misleading: we are opposed to this application and feel it will destroy the beauty and risk the health of the trees. The only pruning necessary would be to remove cracked or damaged wood by a professional. There are no overhanging branches that concern us. There is a rumour circulating that this application has already been granted; if this is the case, it would make a mockery of this public consultation. I would urge HBC to listen to the genuine concerns of local people and reject this application.'