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AGENT: TECHNICAL ARBORICULTURE LIMITE

# FELL ONE CYPRESS TREE PROTECTED BY TPO459

41 SANDRINGHAM ROAD FAREHAM HAMPSHIRE PO14 3DN

# **Report By**

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### Site Description

This application relates to a tree within the rear garden of a detached property on the west side of Sandringham Road and east of Gatcombe Gardens.

# Description of Proposal

Permission is sought to fell one leyland cypress protected by TPO459.

The applicant advises the aim of the proposal is to replace a large dense crowned conifer which is currently overbearing on the garden and dwelling space and replace with a Tulip tree which will provide a large tree of grand stature with flower/foliage interest and the added benefit of being deciduous.

# **Policies**

The following policies apply to this application:

#### Fareham Borough Local Plan Review

DG4 - Site Characteristics

#### **Relevant Planning History**

The following planning history is relevant:

<u>P/12/0167/TO</u>	FELL ONE LEYLAN REFUSE	ID CYPRESS COVERED BY FTPO 459 17/04/2012
<u>P/07/0091/TO</u>	CROWN LIFTING L FTPO459(T9) CONSENT	EYLAND CYPRESS AS COVERED BY
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#### Representations

A petition has been received from four adjacent neighbours raising no objections to the works. One of these representations raised no objection provided that the felling did not damage their property nor adversely affect their drainage.

# Planning Considerations - Key Issues

The application tree is a mature Leyland cypress situated on the southern boundary of the rear garden of 41 Sandringham Road. The tree is prominent in the landscape, being visible from several public vantage points and makes an important contribution to the surrounding landscape character.

Tree preservation orders seek to protect trees in the interest of public amenity, therefore it

follows that the removal of a protected tree should only be sanctioned where its public amenity value is outweighed by other considerations.

The Leyland Cypress predates the applicant's property and was retained when permission was granted to develop the land adjacent to no 43 Sandringham Road in 2002. The detached dwelling and garage at no 41 was completed in 2003 and the Leyland Cypress remains in a safe and healthy condition today.

In this instance officers conclude that the reasons given for felling the Cypress tree are not sufficient to demonstrate that this tree poses an unreasonable burden on the use and enjoyment of the property sufficient to outweigh its public amenity value and thereby justify its removal.

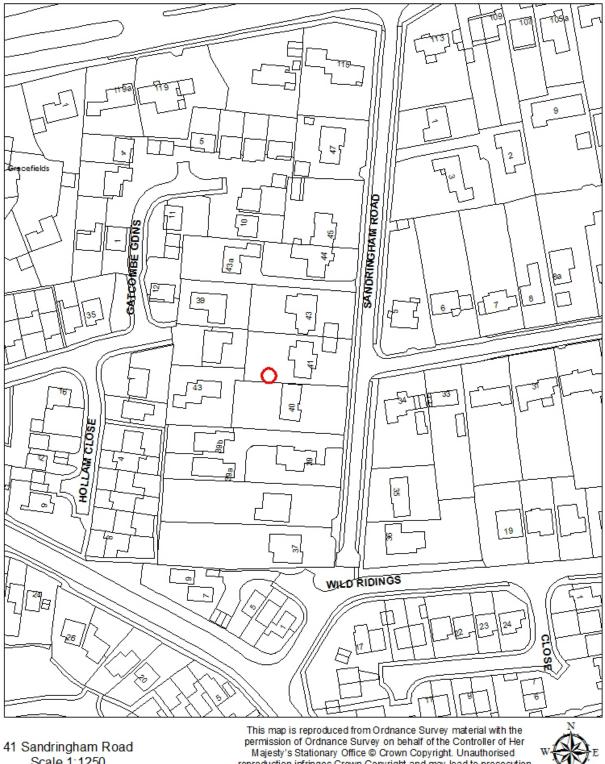
### REFUSE

REFUSE: Insufficient arboricultural evidence, harmful to visual amenities and character of the area.

#### **Background Papers**

Please see Relevant Planning History above.





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