

Tree Report relating to P&TC January 2017
SPC (Sway Parish Council)

TPO 16/1314

Manor at Sway Station Road Sway

Fell 1 Cedar

This Cedar has high amenity value and can clearly be seen from various vantage points around the Manor at Sway and from Station Road. It would therefore be a great loss to the area.

The applicant however was advised by the NFNPA tree officer to have the tree checked as significant fungi at the base alerted him that the tree might have structural problems.

The applicant instructed James Fuller Arboriculture to assess the tree who produced a comprehensive tree report.

Their conclusions are as follows

Tree 1 is a mature Cedar, with 2 (two) large branch tears within the canopy. The tomograph (JF1) reading shows that the Cedar has a significant cavity in the base of the trunk, which is confirmed through the Resistograph readings. The cavity and spread of decay will only continue to get worse, resulting in the potential complete failure of this tree. It is recommended that Tree 1 the Cedar, which is protected by a TPO is removed and replaced with a new tree of a species and size to be agreed with New Forest National Parks Authority. The aim of this is to have a new tree planted now, which can become established and grow, having a positive impact on the local area.

Having spoken to the owner he is distraught that this tree should come down and the request to fell is being driven by safety issues alone.

I feel that we have no option but support this recommendation and the comments that have gone to NFNPA are as follows:-

Comments to NFNPA

SPC recognise that the cedar tree has very high amenity value.

We are pleased to see that the owner has employed a reputable Arboriculture Company to assess the tree. The conclusions from the report recommend felling due to the potential complete failure of the tree. It is therefore with reluctance that we approve the application however would like to see a significant sized specimen tree planted in its place.



Last months tree applications**CONS/16/1267****Site address** Lepe House, Flexford Lane, Sway SO41 6DN**Work:** Fell 26 assorted trees as listed in the tree work application.**Comments to NFNPA**

SPC are in agreement that all bar one of the trees on the application hold no amenity value or are of poor condition and we therefore have no objections to them being felled. We consider that T8 a Cherry tree is worthy of retention.

In addition a Cedar tree that does not appear on the application but has been marked on site to be felled is a fine example and should be retained.

Decision:

To date no decision has been made on the application.

NFNPA have a deadline of 18.1.2017 to pass comment.