

<b>Reference No:</b> P/TRC/2022/06201			
<b>Proposal:</b> Cypress x8 (in rear garden on eastern boundary) - Reduce to 8ft high.			
<b>Address:</b> The Old Vicarage, West Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7HH			
<b>Recommendation:</b> Raise no objection			
<b>Case Officer:</b> Charlotte Flippence			
<b>Ward Members:</b> Cllr Laura Beddow, Cllr Peter Wharf			
<b>Publicity expiry date:</b>	31 October 2022	<b>Officer site visit date:</b>	October 2022
<b>Decision due date:</b>	18 November 2022		
<b>Where Scheme of Delegation consultation required under constitution:</b>			
<b>SoD Constitutional trigger:</b>	N/A		
<b>Nominated officer agreement to delegated decision</b>		<b>Date agreed:</b>	N/A

## MAIN REPORT

**Reason for committee referral: the application is being considered by Committee as the applicant is an elected member of Dorset Council.**

### 1.0 DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The Old Vicarage lies within the main part of Bere Regis village. The trees in this application are not covered by a Tree Preservation Order but have a degree of protection as they lie within the Bere Regis Conservation Area.

The trees in question are on the eastern boundary of the rear garden, and are on slightly higher ground relative to properties in West Street and North Street.

They are cypress species, at least 8m tall, and relatively close-spaced. They were probably planted with the intention of forming a screen but have not been regularly trimmed over the years and have grown away. Historically, there has been some removal of low lateral branches to allow access under the canopy. Their position, and their particular form, means that they are vulnerable to the prevailing winds, and a number have been storm damaged.

## **2.0 PROPOSAL**

The tree works applied for are as follows:  
Cypress x8 – Reduce to 8ft high.

The reduction proposed is intended to bring the trees back to a manageable size.

## **3.0 SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

The applied works have been assessed by the Tree Officer who covers this area.

## **4.0 LOCAL REPRESENTATIONS**

None received as yet. However, under Dorset Councils consultation arrangements, members of the public, and the Parish Council, have until 31 October 2022 to make representations. If any representations are made, they will be verbally reported back at the meeting.

## **5.0 APPRAISAL**

When considering these conservation area notifications for tree work, the local planning authority has only two options open to it: to raise no objection; or to impose a tree preservation order.

In this case, the trees do not score highly enough in terms of public of amenity to warrant imposing a TPO. Nor do they contribute significantly to the particular character or quality of the conservation area.

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

The works proposed are intended to reinstate the hedgeline, by reducing them to an easily manageable height. The loss, in terms of amenity, will be negligible, and there will be no harm to the character and setting of the area.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

That no objection is raised to the works proposed in the notice.