

Notes to support application for pruning yew tree at Yew Tree Cottage, GL68AW

This application is made in respect of a request to reduce the crown of a yew tree located in the garden of Yew Tree Cottage and overhanging 'The Pitch' in Brownshill. Yew Tree Cottage is sited in a Conservation Area, hence this application

The tree is of significant age and probably was planted shortly after the cottage was constructed, c. 1730, and is a local landmark.

The yew tree has been pruned from time to time to keep from encroaching on the "The Pitch" and the garden of the cottage. It is pruned to a globe-shape.

It was last pruned in 2012 (planning approval, your ref. S.12/0652\TCA) and has grown significantly since then. The proposal is to reduce the crown by 35% to 45% and to maintain the globe shape

Reasons

1. To improve the visibility of road users on The Pitch
2. To improve the health of the yew tree
3. To free the BT cable which is trapping the cable to the house and causing problems with the phone/internet connection
4. To improve light to the house and garden

Contractors

The applicant has consulted with Thames Tree Services [REDACTED] who will be undertaking the work.

Timescale

The plan is to undertake this work by the end of February, before the bird nesting season. A decision is sought by mid February to allow for scheduling the work.