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revisions to the description of the proposal

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From: Stuart Payne <Stuart.Payne@fdean.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:19 AM

To: Planning Inbox (FODDC) <Planning@fdean.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Application for works to trees at Coglan House, Old Monmouth Road, Longhope (P0185/24/TCA)

Hi

Please can the e-mail correspondence below regarding revisions to the description of the proposal for P0185/24/TCA, be uploaded to IDOX/UNIFORM.

Many thanks

Stuart Payne

From: Walter Davis [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 5:19 PM

To: Stuart Payne <Stuart.Payne@fdean.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Application for works to trees at Coglan House, Old Monmouth Road, Longhope (P0185/24/TCA)

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Dear Stuart,
Many thanks for your

email and comments.

Happy to proceed with using the species of trees you suggest.

For the pollarding, I suggest that we pollard at about 2m above where the main trunk branches out, I have indicated this in red on the attached photo.



Also happy to take your advice to remove the Cypress and plant a native tree in its place, maybe an Oak?

Many thanks for your help.

Best wishes

Walter Davis

On 6 Feb 2024, at 14:14, Stuart Payne <Stuart.Payne@fdean.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Davis

I am contacting you regarding your recently submitted application for works to trees in Longhope Conservation Area at Coglan House. It has been registered as planning application number P0185/24/TCA (Planning Portal Ref: PP-12783653).

There appears to be some mis-identification of the species of trees as named on your application. On the submitted sketch plan you refer to the Chestnut tree as *Castanea Sativa*, which is Sweet Chestnut. Looking at the pictures provided it looks to actually be a Horse Chestnut, which is a totally different genus and species (*Aesculus hippocastanum*/*Aesculus x carnea*/*Aesculus inidica*). It is not possible to tell which of these it is at this time of year, but for the purposes of this application Horse Chestnut would be sufficient. With regards to the proposed works to this tree, you merely state that you intend to pollard the tree, but do not specify at what height above ground you intend to pollard this tree. In order for me to be able to validate the application, I would be most grateful if you could give an indication as to the proposed extent of pollarding for this particular tree.

As for the tree you label as a Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*), this does not appear to be correctly identified either. From the photographs it looks to be a Cypress (*Cupressus/Chamaecyparis/Cuppressocyparis*), not sure which exact species it is, but I think stating just Cypress would suffice for the purposes of this application. With regards to the description of proposed work for this tree, again it is still too vague, and it is either to be pruned or pollarded, but no indication given as to the extent. However, looking at the photographs you have submitted, this Cypress looks to be in a severe state of decline. As it is a conifer it is unlikely to recover, and either pollarding or pruning will not help in this instance. Therefore, it would be my suggestion that you propose to fell this tree and plant a suitable replacement tree to mitigate for its loss.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm the extent of pollarding proposed for the Horse Chestnut, and if you agree that felling the Cypress and planting a replacement tree would be the best option. Once I have received this information, I can proceed with validating your application.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Payne

Stuart Payne
Assistant Tree & Countryside Officer

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