

ONE DOLPHIN QUAY
QUEEN STREET
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By email only

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Dear Mr Gargett,

APP/17/01167 - Fell 2 No Macrocarpa

I write further to public comments received thus far in response to the above application, and to furnish further explanation as to why we have applied to fell these two trees.

1. With this species, as it matures the limbs become brittle. The trees overhang a well used public footpath and a number of limbs have come away in the past. Below is a photo taken today of an overhanging branch displaying 2 splits which have developed since the trees were attended to in spring 2015.



2. The trunk of the southernmost tree is beginning to push the boundary retaining wall over towards the footpath at an accelerating rate. A bulge to the top of the wall is clearly discernible and corresponding cracks are evident in the flintwork.



In due course this will result in the failure of the wall, undermining the stability of the tree and resulting its felling as a matter of urgency.

3. Whilst we appreciate the positive impact the trees have on the conservation area, they are not in themselves particularly fine specimens nor do they have an infinite life span. We have therefore been planning for their removal by growing a new yew tree to replace them. This is located directly between the two existing trees and is now some 12 feet tall and broadening out nicely.



It will grow faster and more healthily if it is not competing with the two macrocarpa for light and nourishment.

In summary, the two macrocarpa cannot continue growing in that location for much longer (see point 2 above), and in our view it is better to proactively manage the growth of a suitable replacement rather than wait for the inevitable and be left with a much larger "hole" for a longer period of time than if they are felled now.

Yours sincerely

Jim Garland *RIBA*