

Application Number: BH2009/00886 **Ward:** Preston Park
Address: 35a Chatsworth Road, Brighton
Proposal: To fell 1 x Cupressus macrocarpa covered by Tree Preservation Order (No. 16) 1998.
Officer: Di Morgan, tel. 01273 292929
Date Received: 7 April 2009
Applicant: Brighton Tree Specialists

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the above application.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in paragraph 7 of this report and resolves to refuse consent to fell this tree.

3 Description of the Application Site

- 3.1 This garden of this property contains several trees, six of which are covered by the above Preservation Order. The property has recently been sold to a new owner, who sought permission in March 2009 to prune the trees. Permission was given at that time to crown reduce this tree by 20%.

4 Proposal

- 4.1 The applicant now wishes to fell this tree, stating that it is leaning on the wall, snapping out in places, and they would like to landscape and replant the raised root area the tree stands in.

5 Relevant Planning History

- 5.1 BH2009/00563 – pruning of several trees including the tree the subject of this application was given permission under delegated powers.

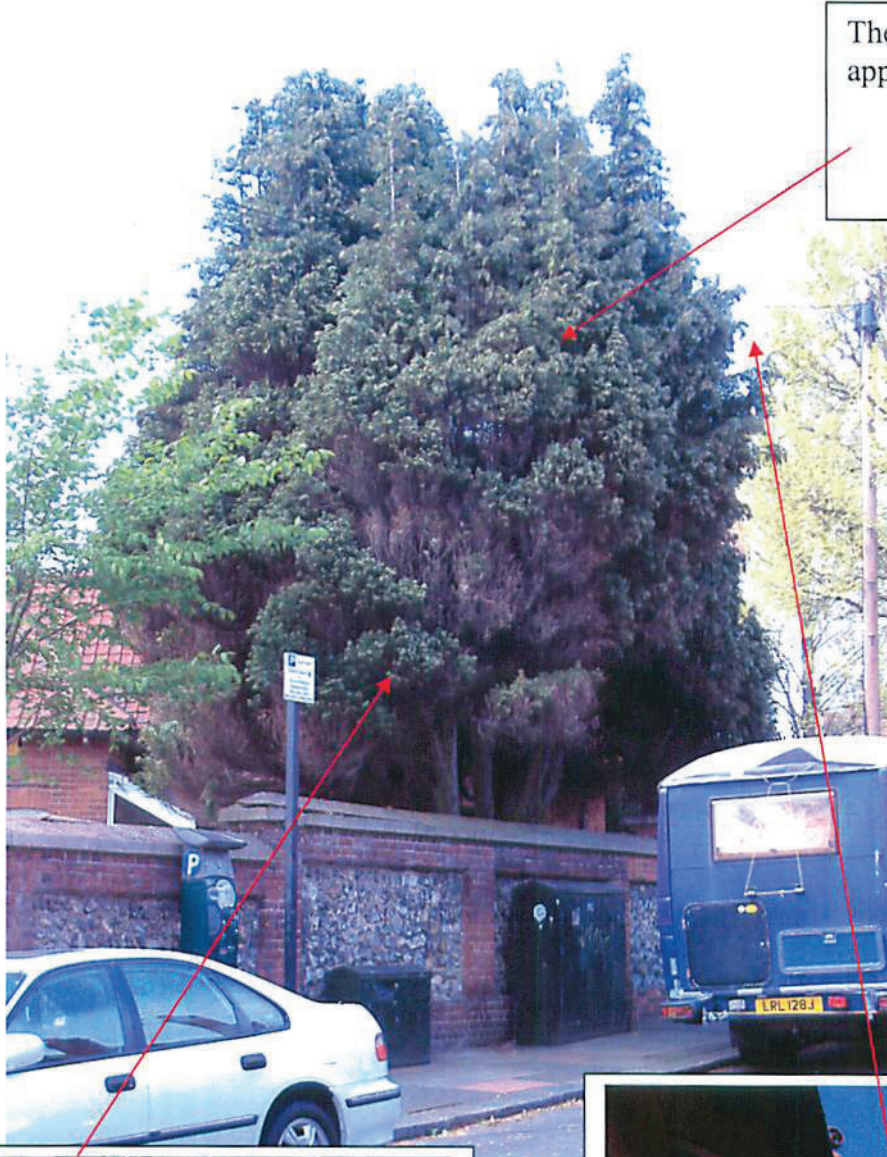
6 Considerations

- 6.1 This *Cupressus macrocarpa* is approximately 11 – 12 metres high with a crown spread of 9 – 10 metres. It is multi stem and over mature with no structural problems visible at the time of the inspecting officer's visit. One minor branch has started to "break-out" of the main canopy, which is typical for an over mature tree of this species. There is minor damage to the wall and it is felt that the wall could be repaired around the tree at this time. Telephone cables do go through the crown, but the tree could be pruned around them.
- 6.2 The tree is right at the front of the property and it is prominent on the street scene.
- 6.3 No loss or damage is likely to occur if felling of the above tree is refused.

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 The tree the subject of this application is over mature but it is felt that its age is not sufficient enough reason to fell it at this time. The tree could be pruned to alleviate most of the problems being experienced. The wall will have to be repaired regardless of the tree's removal, and it is felt that its repair could be carried out whilst retaining the tree, however, this could be considered again at the time the wall is repaired.
- 7.2 The tree is of high public amenity value and the impact of its loss would have a negative effect on the street scene in the area.

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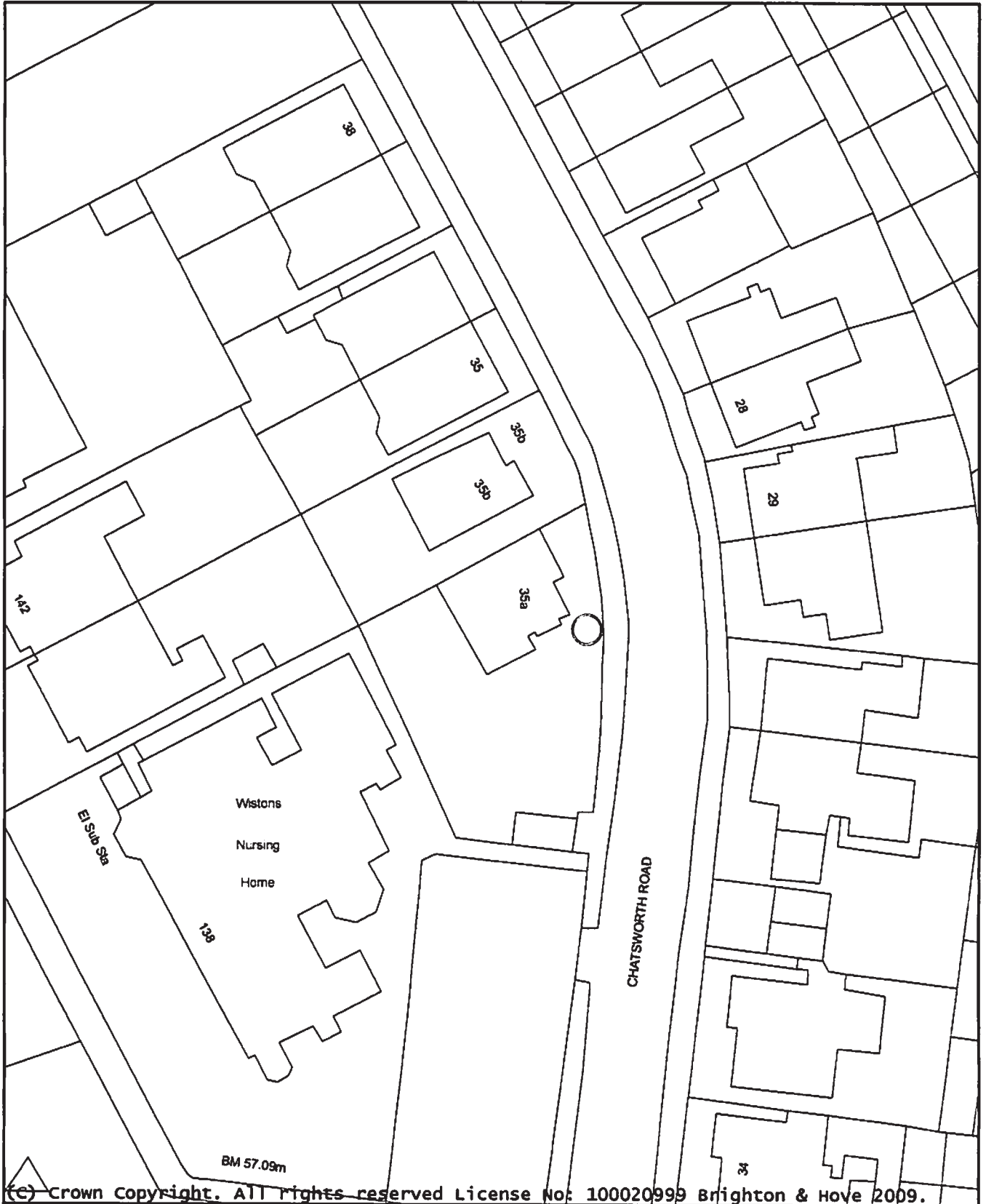


The tree the subject of this application.

Branch break out round opposite side of tree.



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