
Fw: Hedgerow Removal Enquiry

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Hi Alecia

Good news re the hedge removal, no planning application would be required – see email below. Irene did email again just to confirm that consent would be required to remove any trees on the site but we wont be looking to do that so all will be fine.

Look forward to hearing from you again when you have had further thoughts regarding the points we discussed the other day. In the meantime if you have any further queries please feel free to call.

Best Wishes

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Dear Alex,

Thanks for your email.

Hedges are not protected under Conservation Area status and the Hedgerow Regulations apply to agricultural hedges only.

The privet hedge maybe removed without consent and, if the leylandii hedge has previously been pruned as a hedge, then it may also be removed.

Kind Regards,

Irene Fletcher

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Hi

I have a garden design project in Balcombe, West Sussex where we would like to remove the front hedgerow to provide better access to the front door of the house and provide more suitable car parking as the current layout doesn't really work. I am wondering whether we would need to apply for permission to remove the hedge prior to making a start on the work? I have had a look on the mid sussex district council website re hedgerow removal permissions and it seems to imply that we would not need planning permission as the section would be less than 20m, is inside the border of the garden and doesn't run alongside agricultural land, common land etc.

We plan to remove the entire hedge at the front and re plant with a new hedge along the front boundary, apart from the area where parking will be provided. The existing Hedge is a large over grown privet hedge that runs along the

front boundary on a small lane / track in Balcombe village. The existing access for parking will be closed off to provide a more secluded back garden area with parking positioned closer to the front door. There is only access to other properties and Balcombe cricket club further down the track and there are no large trees with TPO's close to where we are proposing to remove the hedge.

There is also a leylandii hedge in the back garden area which we would also like to remove but replant along the same line with something less bulky and more wildlife friendly. This also comes in under 20m in length but does have a mature oak on the bank at the end of the hedge. This hedge would also extend to block off the old parking area and also return back to the house to provide the more secluded back garden area. (On the plan there are some notes about retaining walls along the back boundary – please ignore as we will not be proceeding along those lines and plan to replant the new hedge at the top of the existing bank following the route of the existing hedge).

I have attached the current survey and layout with my concept plan so far so you can get an idea of the scope of the work. I would be grateful if you could let me know your thought on this matter asap so we can move forwards with the project and design specification.

Many thanks in advance.

Best Wishes

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