

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: AB/130/20/T

Location: Martlets Court, Queen Street, Arundel, BN18 9NZ

Description of works: Fell 1no. sycamore (T15) to ground level and fell 1no. bay (T17) to ground level. Replace with appropriate tree for small garden i.e. *Amelanchier* 'Robin Hill', *Cornus mas*, *Malus trilobata*, *Crataegus* 'Pauls's Scarlet'

Reasons given: T15 – Inappropriate tree type for location T17 – Diseased (reduced structural integrity)

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- The applicant has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- While both trees may not be of ideal condition or type to remain viable for long-term retention, their removal would incur a significant reduction in local established tree canopy. They are the subject of a Tree Preservation Order; as such, suitable replacement trees would be required.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works and both trees can be replaced with more suitable types.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Once the trees have been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then replacement trees are to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 4metres.

These are to be of Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

They are to be planted within 12 months of the removal of T15 sycamore and T17 bay trees.

The species shall be selected from the following: -

Snowy mespilus *Amelanchier arborea* 'Robin Hill'

Cornelian cherry *Cornus mas*

Mediterranean crab apple *Malus trilobata*

Hawthorn, red-flowering *Crataegus* 'Pauls Scarlet'

- **Reasons:** To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

Mark Warwick

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