

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/104/17/T

Location : Kingsmead, 43 Kingsway, Aldwick

Description of works: Fell 1 No. Sycamore tree

Applicants Reasons This tree represents a safety risk to the neighbouring property.

Comments On Application:

Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 16m Avge Sprd: 8m Age: Mature

- I inspected this tree and probed the significant cavity opening on the southwest face of the trunk at approximately 1m above ground.
- The wound extends a little up and downwards from the open wound but the most worrying aspect is that I lost the auger easily through soft tissue to three quarters of the diameter of the trunk at this point.
- The trunk also leans very heavily northeast towards the adjacent property and at around 2m agl there is a very large diameter subsidiary limb which adds to the 'weight pull' in this direction and applies pressure onto the weak union and the cavity below that.

Conclusions:

- This tree has a large cavity in the main trunk with an advanced state of decay and it would not be wise to retain it on safety grounds.
- There is not a viable pruning option to cater for or correct these problems.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application seeking the removal of this tree - as there are safety grounds justifying this course of action.
- In this instance I will not be seeking a replacement planting as there are others large trees nearby in the garden and also a large off-site TPO'd Oak in the adjacent garden which will benefit from this trees removal and will fill in the gap.



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Dear Planning Responses

Please see attached tree report.

Thank you.