

Planning Officer: Richard Temple

Planning Application Ref: AW/171/17/T

Location: 9 Ripon Gardens, Aldwick

Description of works: Fell 1 No Oak & 1 No Sycamore & 1 no Conifer hedge

Comments On Application:

T1 Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur* Height: 18m Avge Spread: 4m Age: EarlyMature

T2 Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 8m Avge Spread: 2.5m Age: Young

Grp 1 Golden Conifers *Chamaecyparis spp.* Height: 4 to 5m Avge Spread: 1m Age: Young

- The Sycamore and the Conifer hedge are sound and healthy but the Oak is suppressed with low crown density and dieback and a basal cavity.

Conclusions

- The Oak is undermined by decay and showing the results of this in its low density crown.
- The Sycamore has minor damage on its trunk due to a constricting washing line (now removed) but this is not a significant issue – however it will in time grow into a very large tree at this location and cause problems with light restriction and ‘aphid drip’ in a small back garden.
- The Golden conifers are only young and in time if not regularly lopped and topped will dominate the front garden and cause significant light restriction problems.

Recommendations

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of all of the works as described in the application – namely the removal of the two trees and the hedge.
- There will be a requirement to replace the Sycamore close to the same location with a standard sized Field Maple.
- There will not be a requirement to replace the Oak because off site tree will dominate it and there is no chance of a successful establishment.
- There will be a requirement to replace the conifer hedge with either feathered Beech or Hornbeams to form a new hedge.

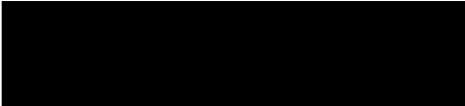
Conditions To Be Applied:

- Once the Sycamore tree has been removed in a safe and controlled manner and the stump and primary root runs ground or grubbed out a replacement tree is to be planted nearby.
- This is to be of Standard Nursery Stock size – a tree of 8ft to 10ft in height and 8cm to 10cm in circumference staked and tied on a short staking system planted within 12 months of the original trees removal.
- It is to be of the following species:-

Field Maple – *Acer campestre*

Advisory :

Bare root trees can only be planted between October and the end of March the following year but containerised stock can be planted at any time of year but may require more watering in than bare root stock.


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