

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/185/17/T

Location : 5 Woodstock Gardens, Aldwick Avenue, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Fell 2 No Sycamores

Applicants Reasons : Trees are dying and a safety concern close to the Conservatory.

Comments On Application:

T 1 / T2 – Sycamores *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height = 14m Avge spread = 2.5m Age = Early Mature

- These trees show significant signs of dieback in their crowns.
- It is extremely unlikely that they will recover from this to be trees of value in the landscape.
- The tree surgeons have also highlighted some decay at ground level.

Conclusions:

- These are poor quality trees in a state of terminal decline and they will eventually die and become a safety issue with the nearby Conservatory.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application to remove both trees and on this occasion would not recommend planting replacement trees at the same place as the existing trees are too close to the Conservatory and new trees would only repeat this situation.

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