

**Planning Officer:** Zac Denton  
**Planning Application Ref:** AW/192/18/T  
**Location:** 6 Larchfield Close, Aldwick  
**Description of works:** Fell 1No. Silver Maple  
**Reasons Given:** Health and Safety  
**Comments on Application:**

**Silver maple** *Acer saccharinum* Approx. Height: 13m Average Spread: 4m Age: Mature

- Visible from several neighbouring properties and road providing 'no through' access to residential dwellings.
- Multi stemmed with compression at unions, one of which has expired and presents a large region of sunken bark. This presents an unacceptable level of risk of harm to persons and property.
- The tree appears otherwise to be in a fine physiological state, with a full and healthy crown arising from the other stems.

**Conclusions:**

- The risk of catastrophic stem failure which exists is unacceptable for this location. Its removal will leave a heavily asymmetric crown and diminished aesthetic value. Due to the limb and branch configuration and bio-mechanical characteristics of this species, there are no satisfactory remedial pruning options.
- The unfortunate but necessary removal of such a large amount of high canopy will need to be compensated for by way of replacement tree planting.

**Recommendation:**

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for this application subject to the planting of a replacement tree.

**Conditions:**

- Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby to within 20metres along the property frontage and no more than 4m from its front boundary.

This is 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.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the silver maple tree.

The species shall be selected from the following:-

**Field maple** *Acer campestre*

**Hornbeam** *Carpinus betulus*

**Sweet Gum** *Liquidambar styraciflua*

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

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