

**Planning Officer:** Miss Z Toppin  
**Planning Application Ref:** **AW/210/20/T**  
**Location:** **39 Craigweil Lane, Aldwick, PO21 4AN**  
**Description of works:** **Fell 1No. Sycamore**  
**Reasons given:** Tree in declining condition

**Comments on Application:**

**T1 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus***      Approx. height: 12m      Average spread: 5m      Age class: Early mature

- The applicant has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd as agent, to assess the tree and submit the application. It is described as T119 in documentation supporting Tree Preservation Order (TPO/AW/228/10). It grows along the expansive rear garden boundary and overhangs a neighbouring residential plot. It can be seen from several properties and by users of the public highway (footway and carriageway), as such it has public amenity value.
- The tree exhibits poor shoot extension across the crown periphery and a high percentage of dead branches in the upper crown. There is a large area of bark death and stem bleeding low on the bole, which is likely to betray the presence of significant pathogen(s). Despite being an established but relatively young example of its type there is no obvious evidence of recovery shoot development.

**Conclusions:**

- It is highly unlikely this tree will possess enough vitality to secure a strong recovery from its current poor state if at all, such that I am able to recommend we support this proposal and secure an appropriate replacement tree in the interest of public amenity.

**Recommendations:**

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:  
**Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -**
- 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 and to within 3metres.

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 sycamore tree.

The species shall be selected from the following:-

**Sycamore** *Acer pseudoplatanus*

**Field maple** *Acer campestre*

**Hornbeam** *Carpinus betulus*

**Sweet Gum** *Liquidambar styraciflua*

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

Mark Warwick  
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