

TREE WORKS CONSENT REPORT**REF NO:** **AW/266/11/T****LOCATION:** 8 The Drive
 Aldwick**PROPOSAL:** Lopping and pruning of one Sycamore tree by 30%**SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DEN	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The Sycamore tree the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Front has ranch type fencing under 1m in height, rear and side boundaries mixture of close boarded fencing/hedging approximately 1.8m-2m in height. fencing
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Detached bungalow with conservatory on rear. Pitched roof double garage to front and tarmac driveway. The property has brown brickwork, brown tiled roof with white window frames.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Within the Craigweil House Conservation Area. Private residential estate comprising detached properties of various styles and designs.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

AW/154/93/T	Lop and deadwood one oak and lop one sycamore	Approve Cond 12-11-1993
AW/51/95/T	Fell 1 Sycamore tree	Refused 31-05-1995 Appeal: Allowed 16 02 1996
AW/178/01/T	Lop and top one Sycamore tree	Approve Cond 12-10-2001
AW/188/05/T	Lopping & topping of one Sycamore tree	Approve Cond 16-09-2005

AW/238/08/T	Crown reduction to 1 Sycamore tree	Approve Cond 05-12-2008
AW/123/85/T	Lightly lop the tops of 2 sycamore trees and raise crowns by taking out lower branches	Approve Cond 06-11-1985

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

No objection

Members agreed that the Arun Arboriculturist is consulted regarding this application and that his professional recommendations/decision is applied.

Comments on Representations received:

Noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Council's Arboriculturist

Conservation Area Advisory Com

Conservation Officer

Consultations responses received:

Council's Arboriculturist

I inspected the tree and noticed that the recent works to the crown of the tree have been carried out. The work is of a good standard and equates to the applicant's request for the crown reduction of 30%, which would have been acceptable.

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

No comment

Conservation Officer

Awaited

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary

Tree Preservation Order 2/58

Art 4 Direction

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan: [AREA2](#) Conservation Areas

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than Circular 36/78 and DETR TPOs, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The Sycamore tree is sited in the rear garden in close proximity to the south western boundary. Due to its rear location it is not prominent in the street scene and not of significant public visual amenity.

Surgery to the tree has been carried out on a regular basis the last application being submitted under AW/238/08/T for the crown reduction and this application is for lopping and pruning by 30%.

The Council's Arboriculturist has inspected the tree and has noticed that a crown reduction has recently been carried out. The work carried out is to a good standard and relates to a reduction of 30% which is acceptable.

It is therefore recommended to approve the application subject to the following conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 2 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 3 The works hereby approved shall involve:

Lopping and pruning of 1 Sycamore tree by 30%. All works shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998:1989 Recommendations for Tree Work.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 4 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 5 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.