

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 2nd April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/27/26/T

Location: Green to the West of Wallfield, Aldwick, PO21 4AD

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T1) to leave a height of 11m and radial spread of 7m.

Reasons: To contain tree from converging with whitebeam, maintaining natural shape

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature
TPO ref. /AW/265/10, T-252

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources. Recent consideration from site (planning application ref. AW/270/25/T) and familiarity with the surrounding area provide further insight to the proposal.

There is no obvious justification for height or whole crown reduction of this tree. It appeared and seemingly remains healthy, possessing fine form largely a result of its unmodified upper crown which can be seen from numerous properties and estate road network. It is a tree of high amenity value.

The applicant/agent states the tree is interfering with growth of the smaller tree to the west, a Swedish whitebeam similarly protected but inferior in terms of its amenity offer and contribution to the landscape. As such, the sycamore should take precedence in respect of any management by pruning.

Conclusions:

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendation:

We refuse consent for this application.

Mark Warwick
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Environment and Climate Change



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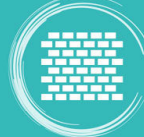
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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