

Planning Officer : Damian Sullivan

Planning Application Ref: AW/283/13/T

Location : 47 Kingsway, Craigwell, Bognor Regis

Description of work:

Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) [northern smaller tree] - Reduce in height by 1m to repeat previous works**Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) [southern larger tree]** - Reduce in height by 2m and reshape easterly lateral spread

Reasons Given:

- Both trees are becoming too large for the site
- Both cause excessive shading

Recommendation:

NO Objection	X	Comment	X	Dead & Dangerous	
Object		Recommendation		Abate a Nuisance	
Conditions Suggested	X	CA & Amenity Value		Tree Replacement required	

Comments On Application:

Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) [larger] Height = 9m Average radial branch spread = 4m Age = Semi-Mature
 Has been heavily reduced in the past and grown out again to present dimensions. A 2m reduction would be acceptable provided that the lateral spread is also reduced by 1m all round to balance the effect and then if required cut back a little more on the east side where it overhangs the neighbours garden.

Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) [smaller] Height = 7m Average radial branch spread = 3m Age = Young

Has been topped out before and grown out again so I see the request as acceptable provided it is shaped over and rounded off and not left flat topped.

Conclusions:

I recommend approval of the following works:-

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Where branches are to be removed cuts close to the trunk are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut adjacent to a living growth point.

Reasons : In the interests of tree health and sound arboricultural practice