

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin
Planning Application Ref: **AW/297/20/TC**
Location: **5 Kingsway, Bognor Regis, PO21 4DQ**
Description of works: **Various works to various trees (T1-T38, excluding T15)**

Comments on Application:

- I visited this location on 15th January 2021, to determine the aforementioned Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.
- The vast majority of substantial work proposed is acceptable – mostly justified and should not incur undue detriment to the character of the area.

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- I object to the proposed pruning of T11 – Field maple.

T11 Field maple / *Acer campestre* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- This is a mature tree, located within the expansive rear garden of the property and at a distance harmonious with built structures. Although my view of the ground and stem base inspection was restricted, it appears to be in a fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary) with an attractive, unmodified upper crown profile. It is visible from neighbouring properties and both a fine individual specimen and key constituent of long-established boundary tree line.
- The applicant is seeking to reduce crown height and lateral spread of the tree by one metre.

Conclusions:

- The vast majority of work proposed is acceptable and if undertaken to a high standard and at the right time, will not incur undue detriment to the character of the area.
- T11 Field maple - This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- The work proposed has not been justified on arboricultural grounds and will reduce the tree's landscape impact and may harm its ongoing health and vitality.

Recommendation:

- T11 Field maple - **I recommend the making of a Tree Preservation Order** to preserve its place in the landscape and better control its future management. I attach a TEMPO form and GIS plan for this purpose.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team



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TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS - TEMPO

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: 25th January 2021

Surveyor: Mark Warwick / Tree Officer, Parks and Greenspace Team

Tree details

Tree/Group No: T1

Species: Field maple / *Acer campestre*

Location: 5 Kingsway, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, W. Sussex, PO21 4DQ

OS Map ref: E 490763

N 098476

Part 1: Amenities assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO; where trees in good or fair condition have poor form, deduct 1 point

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| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous* | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes

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* Relates to existing context and is intended to apply to severe irremediable defects only

b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO

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| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10* | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes

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* Includes trees which are an existing or near future nuisance, including those clearly outgrowing their context, or which are significantly negating the potential of other trees of better quality

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use

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| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
| 4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public | Suitable |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only | Suitable |
| 2) Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes

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d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

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| 5) Principal components of arboricultural features, or veteran trees |
| 4) Tree groups, or members of groups important for their cohesion |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form) |

Score & Notes

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Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 9 or more points to qualify

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| 5) Immediate threat to tree |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |
| 1) Precautionary only |

Score & Notes

5 – Sect. 211 Notice

Part 3: Decision guide

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| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-11 | Does not merit TPO |
| 12-15 | TPO defensible |
| 16+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:

18

Decision:

Definitely merits TPO