

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/312/21/T

Location: 31A Aldwick Gardens, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, PO21 3QT

Description of works: Crown lift 1no. sycamore tree (T-444) to a max 3.6m above the ground

Reasons given: To facilitate uniform crown development of young tree

Comments on Application:

T-444 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Est. height: 10-15m, Est. radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site provides further insight to the proposal.
- The tree grows from neighbouring rear garden and overhangs the applicant's property. The removal of one small diameter low-level branch will have a negligible effect on the tree's visual appeal and vitality.

Conclusions:

- The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- There will be no loss of public amenity or harm to the tree's ongoing health and vitality on completion of the proposed work.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010

Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interests of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter***

Advisory:

- The applicant is aware of 3rd party ownership of this tree, nevertheless we are obliged to advise that where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant the granting of consent by this authority does not by association give permission to undertake such works that require access onto/from that land. Nor does it permit any work to take place beyond the boundary of the applicant's property. Additional permission must first be obtained from the land/tree owner.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

