

Planning Officer: Hannah Kersley

Planning Application Ref: AW/336/21/T

Location: 33 Chawkmare Coppice, Aldwick, PO21 3SP

Description of works: Fell to ground level 1no. Norway maple (T1)

Reasons given: Crown dieback, stem decay

Comments on Application:

Norway maple / *Acer platanoides* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- This tree is visible in part from surrounding properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). It is one of three mature trees growing equidistant at the southern boundary of the plot.
- Large areas of bark death on main stem, colonisation by pathogenic decay (*Ganoderma* sp.) and advanced dieback across one of three scaffold limbs were noted. It is an aged example of its type and appears now to be in terminal decline.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds, as the tree is evidently diseased with little chance of recovery and so no longer viable for safe, long-term retention.
- Some loss of visual amenity will arise following the tree's removal, although it is both intention of the applicant and can be a planning requirement – that a suitable replacement be planted.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 4metres.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the Norway maple tree.

The species shall be selected from the following: -

Norway maple *Acer platanoides*

Wild cherry *Prunus avium*

Field maple *Acer campestre*

Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*

Sweet Gum *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Reasons: To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

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