

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **AW/87/13/T**

LOCATION: 11 Hechle Wood
 Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Remove small internal branches to 1No. Sycamore and dead wood and epicormic growth not to exceed 15% thinning. Works to be completed when tree in full leaf. Shorten lower branch (bowing) southern side by 2 metres to appropriate growing point and shorten lower branch east side by 1 metre to appropriate growing point to 1No. Corsican Pine.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DEN	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The Sycamore and Corsican Pine trees the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Front is open to the highway, close boarded fencing surrounds the site.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Detached two storey dwelling with integral garage. The property has red brickwork, concrete tiled roof with white window frames.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Residential comprising detached properties of various styles and designs.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

No objection

Members agreed that the Arun Arboriculturist is consulted regarding this application and that his professional recommendations/decision is applied.

Comments on Representations received:

See Arboriculturist's recommendation.

CONSULTATIONS

Council's Arboriculturist

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Consultations responses received:

I inspected both trees from the highway and would not object to the tree work as the proposal is regarded as minimal and would not adversely affect their overall appearance.

To prevent 'Lion Tailing' the 15% crown thin of the Sycamore should be carried out systematically throughout the tree and not solely to remove epicormic growth from the inner crown core.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted and agreed.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary
PDR Open Plan Condition
No Public Sewer
Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan:

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY GUIDANCE

XXX1	Circular 36/78
XXX2	DETR TPO's A guide to Law and Good Practice

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than Circular 36/78 and DETR TPOs, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The Sycamore and Corsican Pine tree are covered by Tree Preservation Order AW/81/10 and are sited in the rear garden of the property. Both trees are of a significant height and spread and readily visible in the street scene and neighbouring properties being of public visual amenity.

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The application seeks for a crown thin of 15% to the Sycamore tree. Surgery to the Corsican Pine tree will involve the shortening of lower branches on the eastern and southern side to appropriate growing points.

The Council's Arboriculturist has inspected the trees and has raised no objection to the proposed surgery which is minimal and will not affect the overall appearance of the trees.

It is therefore recommended that the application be approved, subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 2 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

- 3 The works hereby approved shall involve:

Sycamore - Remove small internal branches, deadwood and epicormic growth not to exceed 15% thinning. Works to be completed when tree in full leaf. To prevent 'Lion Tailing' the 15% crown thin should be carried out systematically throughout the tree and not solely to remove epicormic growth from the inner crown core.

Corsican Pine - Shorten lower branch (bowing) southern side by 2 metres to appropriate growing point and shorten lower branch east side by 1 metre to appropriate growing point to 1No. Corsican Pine.

All works to be carried out in accordance BS3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 4 **INFORMATIVE:** The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence

under the act.

- 5 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.