Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 2nd May 2014

Planning Officer : Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: AW/92/14/T

Location : The Pingle 99 Manor Way, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Fell 2x Sycamores and plant 1 x replacement tree nearby

Applicants Reasons Excessive shading; self-seeding and aphid drip as well as decay in one of them

Comments On Application:

Sycamores (x 2) *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height = 14m Avge spread = 4m Age = Semi Mature Grd Clr 3m

- Previously heavily topped out at about half their present size and not of high quality
- Decay in old pruning wounds and at base of T1
- There are four trees across the front of this property in close proximity to each other so the removal of these two will allow the better quality Purple Maples to develop more fully.

Recommendation:

I raise **No Objection** to the removal of these two Sycamore trees provided that a replacement tree is planted in close proximity to T1 – to be a standard tree 8 to 10 feet tall and 8 to 10cm circumference and of one of the following species:-

Swedish Birch – *Betula pendula 'Dalecarlica'*

Sweet Gum – *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Tulip Tree – *Liriodendron tulipifera*

ADVISORY NOTES:

Reference the felling operation :
Attention is drawn to the fact that some trees could provide suitable habitat for bird nesting (ivy and cavities) and bat roosting (ivy, branch cracks and cavities) and this might at certain times of year influence and possibly restrict the form of management which can be applied. Given the legal constraints imposed by the Habitat Regulations and the Wildlife and Countryside Act and the fact that it is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy nest sites, this may necessitate expert ecological advice being sought before proceeding with these recommendations. As a minimum requirement it will be necessary for the appointed Tree Contractor to climb the trees and verify that there are no birds nesting or bats present in splits; holes and cavities prior to commencement of works.
Reference the tree planting :
Bare root trees can only be planted between October and the end of March the following year but containerised stock can be planted at any time of year but may require more watering in than bare root stock

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