

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/93/17/T

Location : 24 Margaret Close, Aldwick

Description of works: Fell 1 No Maple tree.

Applicants Reasons Tree is diseased.

Comments On Application:

T1 Silver Maple *Acer saccharinum* Height = 8m Avge spread = 4m Age = Early Mature

- This tree has been very heavily topped and lopped at 4m from ground in the past and some very large diameter wounds left which have subsequently rotted and cavities formed at the pruning points – although it is impossible from ground level to ascertain the extent of this decay.
- The small crown area is comprised of regrowth from around the pruning points and is currently safe and healthy with no signs of diseased foliage.

Conclusions:

- The applicants have stated that the tree is diseased but contrary to the requirements of the TPO application process have not submitted a report from an expert to support this.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the felling of this tree on the grounds that there is currently no justification for this action.

ADVISORY:

The applicants will need to employ the services of a suitably qualified and experienced Arboricultural Consultant to climb and inspect the cavities in this tree and advise them on the health and safety of same and then if they feel there is justification for removal on the grounds that fungal decay undermines the safety of this tree then please do re-submit a TPO application seeking removal on these grounds.

Bernie Harverson

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