



Application for Tree Works: Sycamore Tree (TPO/A/1/72) at Pinehurst, West Drive, Angmering, BN16 4NL

Agent Details

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Tree Details

- Species: Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
- Location: Pinehurst, West Drive, Angmering, BN16 4NL
- TPO Reference: TPO/A/1/72
- Ownership: The tree is located on the applicant's property, within the boundary of Pinehurst, adjacent to the residential dwelling and West Drive.

Proposed Works

The proposed works are designed to ensure the safety of the property and surrounding area while maintaining the health and amenity value of the protected Sycamore tree, in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations. The specific works requested are:

1. Lifting Lower Limbs:

- Description: Raise the lower canopy by removing secondary branches overhanging the garden and West Drive to a height of approximately 5.2 meters above ground level (standard clearance for highways and pedestrian areas).
- Purpose: To prevent obstruction to pedestrians and vehicles on West Drive and to reduce interference with the garden area, improving safety and access.
- Method: Selective pruning of lower branches using clean, angled cuts to natural target points, ensuring no damage to the main stem or branch collar. All cuts will comply with BS 3998:2010, Section 7, to promote healthy wound closure.

2. Crown Reduction on Property Side:

- Description: Reduce the lateral branches on the property-facing side of the tree to achieve a minimum clearance of 3 meters from the residential dwelling.
- Purpose: To mitigate potential damage to the property from branch contact, reduce debris accumulation, and ensure safe clearance for maintenance access.
- Method: Reduction pruning will involve removing no more than 25% of the branch length on the property side, targeting secondary and tertiary branches to maintain the tree's natural form. Cuts will be made to suitable growth points to encourage healthy regrowth, as per BS 3998:2010, Section 7.5.



Justification for Works

The proposed works are necessary to address the following concerns while preserving the tree's health and amenity value:

- **Safety:** Overhanging lower limbs pose a risk to pedestrians and vehicles on West Drive, particularly during adverse weather conditions. Raising the canopy will mitigate these risks.
- **Property Protection:** The proximity of the tree's branches to the dwelling increases the risk of physical damage to the property and excessive debris accumulation. A 3-meter clearance will provide adequate protection while maintaining the tree's aesthetic contribution to the area.
- **Tree Health:** The works are minimal and targeted to ensure the tree remains healthy, with no significant impact on its structural integrity or longevity. The pruning will be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010 to minimize stress and promote natural recovery.
- **Amenity Value:** The Sycamore is a feature in the local landscape, and the proposed works are designed to preserve its visual and ecological contributions while addressing practical concerns.

Compliance with British Standard 3998:2010

All works will adhere to the guidelines set out in BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations:

- **Pruning Standards:** Cuts will be made to natural target points, avoiding excessive removal of foliage (no more than 25% of the canopy) to maintain the tree's vitality.
- **Timing:** Works will be scheduled outside the bird nesting season (typically March to August) unless an ecological survey confirms no active nests, to comply with wildlife protection legislation.
- **Professional Execution:** The works will be carried out by a qualified arborist with NPTC certification, ensuring compliance with industry standards and safety protocols.
- **Waste Management:** All arisings will be removed from the site and disposed of responsibly, with potential for chipping or recycling where appropriate.



Supporting Information

- Site Plan: A map indicating the tree's location relative to the property and West Drive is attached
- Photo 1 and 2 depicting planned cut locations in line with this report.

This application is submitted in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. The applicant acknowledges that unauthorized works to a TPO-protected tree are an offense and may result in fines of up to £20,000 in a magistrates' court or unlimited fines in a crown court. The proposed works are minimal, targeted, and designed to comply with all relevant legislation and guidelines.

Request for Consent

We respectfully request consent from Arun District Council to carry out the proposed works on the Sycamore tree (TPO/A/1/72) at Pinehurst, West Drive, Angmering, BN16 4NL. The works are necessary to ensure safety, protect the property, and maintain the tree's health while preserving its amenity value. We are committed to complying with any conditions imposed by the council, including replacement planting if required, and welcome any feedback or additional requirements.

Submission Details

- Application Method: This application will be submitted via the Planning Portal (www.planningportal.co.uk) or directly to Arun District Council's Planning Department, as per the council's requirements.

Signed:

Seb Robinson – Bronzeleaf Ltd

Date: 28 July 2025