

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

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PLANNING APPLICATION: A/128/12/T

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: 1x Sycamore Tree - Remove horizontal branch on north west side, 3.5 metres from ground, to lift crown and balance tree. Crown reduction - Remove any dead wood found.remove up to 1.5 metres mainly on northern side of tree again to balance shape

INSPECTION DATE: 8th January 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐**Comments:**

The Sycamore has produce fine re-growth which if carefully reduced could provide a framework towards a balanced and symmetric crown shape. The tree does not require a re-lop, cutting hard into the branchless stems as this would stimulate the growth of 'water-shoots' once again and reiterate the problems which are being experience at this present time. A younger Sycamore has been pruned appallingly further along this stretch of raise ground towards the west leaving jagged cuts.

Recommendation:

The crown lift proposed at 3.5m is acceptable. A crown reduction to not exceed 1.5m is acceptable. Both operations have been written into a Planning Condition and must be abided by, as follows;

Condition 1: Crown Reduction to Sycamore

- The Crown Reduction should only affect those parts which protrude beyond a natural outline.
- The Crown Reduction must not exceed branch lengths of **1.5m**
- All pruning cuts must leave healthy multiple leaf/bud bearing side branches which are **1/3rd** or greater in diameter of the removed branch.
- Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible and cut at an optimum angle leaving the branch collar intact.
- Pruning wounds of all removed live branches should not exceed **40mm** in diameter.

REASON

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Conditions: Crown Lift to sycamore

- The crown of the tree will be pruned to provide a maximum vertical clearance above ground level over the garden by **3.5m**.

- Branches found within this clearance height having diameters greater than **50mm** should be shortened and no more than **15%** of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed.

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