

Planning Officer : Damian Sullivan

Planning Application Ref: A/54/14/TC

Location : St Margarets Church, Arundel Road, Angmering

Description of works: Fell 4 x Wild Plums + 1 x Western Red Cedar + remove limb of Sycamore + cut back limb of a Sycamore

Applicants Reasons Decayed trees and others that interfere with graves + represent a danger to road users

Comments On Notification:

A full and detailed report with photographs has been submitted by the applicants Arboricultural Expert - Dr Dobson and this comprehensively deals with all of the issues arising – the numbering system used here is taken from that report.

G3 Myrobalan Plums *Prunus cerasifera* Height = 4-6m Avge spread = 3-4m Age = Mature

- All of these trees have reached the end of their safe useful life at this location and are full of heart rot fungi.
- The replacement with 2 x **Sweet Gums** and 2 x **Box Elders** will enhance the Conservation Area.

T5 Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height = 18m Avge spread = 8m Age = Early Mature

- This self seeded tree has grown up between graves and engulfed stones and ironwork in the process.
- The removal of this limb will only solve part of the problem and I suspect that this tree and the young Yew next to it will eventually have to be removed.

T8 Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height = 20m Avge spread = 10m Age = Early Mature

- An off site tree with low branch overhang of the site boundary line causing a nuisance – shortening back this tree will abate the nuisance and have minimal impact on its visual amenity value

T9 Western Red Cedar *Thuja plicata* Height = 14m Avge spread = 1.5m Age = Semi Mature

- This tree has one arching limb that grows out above the road – its removal would balance the tree and make safe and improve its general appearance.

Recommendation:

None of these trees would merit the making of a TPO - I raise **No Objection** to the works as listed in the notification as they are all for safety or to abate a nuisance.

Reasons:-

In the interests of the benefits that these trees have in enhancing the Conservation Area.



Consultant Arboriculturist