

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: BE/77/17/T

Location: Blackbirds, North Bersted Street, Bognor Regis

Description of works: 5m crown lift and 2m crown reduction to western side of 2 No Sycamores and 7m crown reduction to previous pruning points to 2 further Sycamores.

Reasons Given: Casting heavy shade and dominating gardens plus touching buildings and cables

Comments:

Sycamores *Acer pseudoplatanus* - x 2 primary specimen trees - Height – Av 20m Spread – 6m Age – Mature

- Mature trees in good health and of good overall form but low branches are causing an issue with the nearby building.
- I would support some pruning work to keep these trees under control.

Sycamores *Acer pseudoplatanus* - x 2 subsidiary forked and conjoined trees - Height – 14m Spread – 4m Age – Early Mature

- Poor quality trees that have been heavily lopped and topped out in the past.
- I would support some major pruning works to keep the growth habit of these trees under control.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce the height and spread as listed in the application is reasonable and acceptable.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application as described in the application subject to applying the following Condition.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons : In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.



Consultant Arboriculturist