

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: BN/101/21/T

Location: Abercorn Walk, 4 Old Rectory Drive, Eastergate, PO20 3XE

Description of works: Crown lift 3no. sycamore trees to approximately 4-5 metres above ground level

Reasons given: Low growth impedes lawn maintenance and inhibiting establishment of understorey planting

Comments on Application:

Note: Tree numbers below (eg.T1) are for the sole purpose of interpreting this application (no tree reference numbers were provided) and have no relationship (intended or otherwise) with those referred to elsewhere, such as may be recorded on the original Tree Preservation Order.

T1 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature (photo 2)

T2 & T3 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature (photo 1)

- I have undertaken a desktop review of Tree Preservation Orders which may affect this plot. My understanding is that only TPO/EG/1/79 could apply. It is clear from the Schedule and Plan associated with that Order, none of the above trees are included.
- Furthermore, I do not believe it is necessary to create an individual Order to preserve their place in the landscape and/or control future management.

Conclusion:

- Consent from the local planning authority is not required before undertaking the proposed work.

Recommendation:

- The applicant should be advised of the above, invited to withdraw their application and to proceed without further recourse to this Authority.

Advisory:

- We are obliged to advise that where trees are situated on land not owned by the proposer, a common law right to prune back to the boundary usually exists. It is important to understand that such a right, where it applies, has certain caveats and does not allow for any works that require access onto/from that land or to take place beyond the boundary without having first obtained permission from the land/tree owner.

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