

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: BR/180/21/T

Location: 4 The Orchard Close, Bognor Regis, PO21 2PT

Description of works: Fell 1no. sycamore tree in rear back garden 3m from house and replace with either willow or silver birch as directed

Reasons given: 1. Proximity to dwelling 2. Risk of root damage to property

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and stable. It has an unmodified and visually attractive upper crown profile that is visible from public highway (footway and carriageway).
- It comfortably pre-dates the adjacent dwelling, from which it is approximately 3metres distant. No obvious evidence or detailed report of associated damage to any structure. The relationship between tree and building appears harmonious although it has grown to dominate that part of the house and garden. Historic removal of low branches has ensured adequate long-term clearance.

Conclusion:

- The tree work proposed in the application has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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