

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: BR/283/17/T

Location: Homecroft House, Sylvan Way, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Crown reduction of 1 No Sycamore by 3m and 1 No Maple by 2m.

Reasons Given: Standard maintenance to keep the trees growth habit under control

Comments:

A Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Ht – 10m Av Sprd - 5m Age – Semi-Mature

- A smaller tree than tree B – bifurcated at ground level.
- Will develop into a large and oppressive tree at this location if a maintenance program is not commenced.

B Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Ht – 20m Av Sprd - 5m Age – Mature

- A large tree growing in a confined area between units.
- Previously heavily topped out to control its growth potential.

Conclusions:

- Given the growth potential of both trees and the fact that they are already causing a nuisance I can see the reasoning behind another pruning operation here.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works as listed in this application.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Pruning Works: -

- 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.
- Final cuts are to be made no lower than the previous pruning points and no cuts larger in diameter than 75mm are to be made.

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.*

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