

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: BR/94/15/T

ADDRESS: 10 Arnhem Road Bognor Regis PO21 5LB

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell 2 No. Sycamore trees

INSPECTION DATE: 26/05/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒ No Objection ☐ Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

T1 Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 15 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 4.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

T2 Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 15 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 4.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- The trees cited in this application are situated in the front garden of 10 Arnhem Road. Both trees are therefore highly visible to public from the main highway outside.
- Both trees cited in this application are covered by active TPO orders.
- The applicant has applied to fell the trees highlighted in this application. The applicant has stated that the reasoning for the felling of these trees are due to '*overgrown, weak branches hitting house, roots near main sewage system, lifting pavement and wall*'. I would contest these points. From the site inspection both trees were showing no signs of pathogenic presence, no major areas of decay and/or no major deadwood present. There is some evidence of epicormic growth, which does indicate a level of stress present on both individuals. This given level of stress it's not a large enough factor to allow the felling of **T1** and **T2**.

- The applicant has failed to address any potential mitigation that could be used to retain both **T1** and **T2**. This would include addressing any conflict between the limbs of **T1** and **T2**, and the surrounding structures. Mitigation techniques can also be used to address any potential lifting of the surrounding paving.

Recommendation:

- **I would object to the proposed operation** as the applicant has failed to address any mitigation that could be used to retain both **T1** and **T2**. The applicant has also failed to produce any sound arboricultural justification for the felling of **T1** and **T2**.

Dafydd Lloyd
Arun District Council
Tree Officer