

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

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TO: Damian Sullivan

PLANNING APPLICATION: EP/161/14/TC

ADDRESS: The Vicarage 33 Vicarage Lane East Preston BN16 2SP

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Various surgery to 17 No. trees within the East Preston/Rustington (Station Road) Conservation Area

INSPECTION DATE: 10/12/2014

RECOMMENDATION:Objection ☐No Objection ☒Split Decision ☐Comment ☒Recommendation ☐Suggested Conditions ☐Tree Replacement ☐Dead/Dangerous ☐CA & Amenity Value ☐

T1 Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 17 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 6 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** Mature **Height to First branch:** 3 meters **Height and type of main unions:** bifurcates at 2.5 meters, poor union with a split and reactionary wood developing.

G2a) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 12 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 4 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

b) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 5 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 1.5 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

c) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 10 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

d) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 3 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

e) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 3 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

f) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** **Average Branch Spread:** **Crown Condition:** **Form:** fair **Age Class:**

G3a) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 11 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2.5 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

b) Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 6 meters **Average Branch**

Spread: 0.5 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** juvenile

T4 Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 11 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 3.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature **Height to First branch:** 3 meters

G5a) Species: Lime *Tilia spp* **Height:** 22 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 8 meters **Crown Condition:** good **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

b) Species: Lime *Tilia spp* **Height:** 22 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 8 meters **Crown Condition:** good **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

T6 Species: Cherry *Prunus spp* **Height:** 8 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature **Height to First branch:** 1.5 meters

T7 Species: Bay *Laurus nobilis* **Height:** 8 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** good **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature **Height to First branch:** 2 meters

T8 Species: Yew *Taxus spp* **Height:** 8 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** early mature **Height to First branch:** 2 meters

T9 Species: Ash *Fraxinus excelsior* **Height:** 9 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** poor **Age Class:** semi mature **Height to First branch:** 4 meters

T10 Species: Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** 11 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 3 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature **Height to First branch:** 1.5 meters

Comments:

- The outlined trees are situated within a reasonably well-stocked avenue vicarage lane. All outlined trees are standing in the rear garden of 'The Vicarage'. All the outlined trees are not easily visible from the main highway.
- As the trees on this application are only in a conservation area and are not TPO'd, this report will test their suitability for a TPO order.
- So T1 has evidently had some historic reductions. This tree does have some notable aesthetic value, as the pruning has had adverse effects on the form and retention span on said tree. This tree scored a 10 on the TEMPO form – Not suitable for TPO.

- **G2** is a group of 6 sycamores that are evidently self-seeded trees along the eastern boundary. The group has minimal notable merit. The trees scored 8 and under so would not be suitable for a TPO order.
- **G3** is two trees that are abutting the rear boundary of the garden. again both are evidently self-seeded and in this instance they have both been pruned badly. The trees both scored 7 and/or lower on the TEMPO for – unsuitable for TPO.
- **T4** is also situated abutting the rear boundary, and has a better form sycamore than the individuals in G3. The crown lift the applicant has applied for will not have a lasting detrimental effect on this trees health.
- **G5** is a couple of mature limes that are standing in the rear end of the garden. Both trees have evidently had reductions historically. It is clear that the applicant has requested a reduction to reduce back to the established pruning points.
- **T6** is a tree of the Species Cherry. This tree is in a poor condition and is unlikely to have a notable retention span.
- **T7** is in good overall condition. The applicant has requested a crown lift of 4 meters, which would not have lasting detrimental effects on the trees health.
- **T8** this tree is in great condition and has good form. The applicant has requested a 2 meter crown raise, which would just see the removal of the epicormic growth.
- **T9** is an ash tree suffering from a bacterial canker infection. It is a very poor condition and failure is likely
- **T10** is in a fair overall condition. The applicant has applied for a crown lift of 4 meters, which would not have a lasting detrimental effect on this trees health.

Recommendation:

- As all the surveyed trees are not suitable for a TPO orders, and/or the works proposed are not likely to have detrimental effects on the individuals, **I would have no objection to the outlined pruning operations.**

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