Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 20th July 2017

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **FG/102/17/T**

Location: **3 The Poplars, South Ferring**

Description of works: 2m height and lateral reduction to 1 No Sycamore

Applicants Reasons: To maintain at manageable proportions

Comments On Application:

T1 – Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height – 14m Avge Spread – 6m Age – Early-Mature

- Multi-stemmed at ground level but no signs of decay or weakness due to this fact.
- Of fair shape and form and contributes to the amenity of the area being visible from some distance outside of the site.
- Previously topped out just below the cable height and has re-formed a crown of regrowth from the old pruning cuts.

Conclusions:

- BT Open Reach have contacted the owners previously and asked them to prune the tree to clear the cables.
- It has been pruned before to allow for the free running of the cables and this work can be repeated now to solve this problem and also to maintain the tree at manageable proportions without destroying its amenity value.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works as applied for subject to applying the following condition :-

  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.

***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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