

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: FG/117/21/T

Location: 14C Sark Gardens, Ferring, BN12 5QB

Description of works: Fell 1no. sycamore tree

Reasons given: Risk of damage to foul water drains

Comments on Application:

Norway maple / *Acer platanoides* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Semi mature

- Outwardly this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. It has previously been subject to hard reduction pruning, to keep it at dimensions appropriate for its location.
- For the record, the tree shown on the plan and in the photograph submitted is a Norway maple and not a sycamore, although they are very similar and easily mistaken for one another. This anomaly has no bearing on my recommendation.
- It has clearly begun to outgrow its location despite being a young example of its type, evidenced by surrounding heave/disruption of hard surfaces. It is clearly visible from the adjacent dwelling but only with difficulty from publicly accessible land. It is not a tree of high amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds and there will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion.
- Replacement planting with a tree of comparable potential in the immediate area is not practical or desirable.

Recommendation:

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team