

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FG/167/17/T

Location: 5 Ferringham Court, Ferringham Lane, Ferring

Description of works: Reduce and reshape the Sycamore tree all round by 3.5m + remove deadwood

Reasons Given: To clear from road and phone line to make safe

Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height - 15m Avge. Sprd - 6m Age - Mature

- Has a straggly habit to the upper crown zone and a low branching habit over the road and towards the phone lines.
- I would support a general reshaping of this tree to deal with minor issues and also improve its shape and form.

Conclusions:

- The extent of the works proposed are excessive and will undermine this trees visual amenity value and be contrary to BS3998 recommendations.

Recommendations:

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

ADVISORY:

The applicant is encouraged to re-submit seeking the following works:-

- Reduce the overall height of the tree by a maximum of 2m.
- Reduce the lateral spread to the north and east sides by a maximum of 2m.
- Reduce the lateral spread to the south and west sides by a maximum of 1m.

N.B. the removal of deadwood does not require Council approval.

Subject to a Re-submission as advised above the following Conditions should be Applied :-

- 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.***

Bernie Harverson

Consultant Arboriculturist