

Planning Officer: Andrew Wood

Planning Application Ref: FG/193/16/T

Location : 3-8 The Poplars, South Ferring

Description of works: Fell 1 No Sycamore

Applicants Reasons: To relieve a nuisance with BT cables

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 OpenReach have contacted the owners and asked them to prune the tree to clear the cables.
- I see no justification for the complete removal of this tree just to resolve a cables clearance issue.
- 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.

Recommendation:

- I object to the complete removal of this tree and recommend **REFUSAL** of the application.

Advisory:

- Recommend that they re-submit seeking pruning back down to the level of the old pruning wounds.

Bernie Harverson

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