

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: FG/215/21/T

Location: 2 Phoenix House, Ferring Grange Gardens, Ferring, BN12 5HU

Description of works: Fell 1no. sycamore tree

Reasons given: 1. Poor condition 2. Proximity to garage and impact on adjacent tree of higher value

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

- This tree is discreetly located although clearly visible from nearby dwellings and in part to users of the adjacent churchyard.
- It has previously been the subject of crown lopping, resulting in a dense framework of branches formed upon multiple stems. It has the appearance of a tree in physiological decline.
- Evidence of past and recent stem bleeding, and bark death/detachment observed low on several stems.
- Surrounding areas are well-served by mature trees and the loss of this tree is unlikely to adversely affect local character.

Conclusions:

- The tree appears to be in a state of terminal decline and increasingly diminished amenity value. Proposed work is necessary to mitigate risk of harm to persons or property and so justified on arboricultural grounds.
- Local tree density and canopy cover is extensive enough within context of the site such as to preclude a requirement for compensatory planting.

Recommendation:

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

Mark Warwick
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