

On Sunday 3rd March 2019 our neighbour lost a field maple that crashed through our fence narrowly missing our children's play area and garage. This was reported to Mark Warwick, Tree Officer of Arun District Council, by my neighbour week commencing 4th March 2019.

On 14th May 2019 Mark Warwick visited my property to review three field maples that were adjacent to the lost tree and which are more exposed due to the lost tree. In my view, these trees are unbalanced and lean precariously over my garden/ play area and would most certainly hit my garage were they to suffer the same fate as the tree on 3rd March.

This visit was scheduled to agree and align our position that the trees are unbalanced and growing at an angle, severely overhanging my property and a potential risk to my garage should they fall. I was keen to discuss with Mark how I can best prune the tree to improve the balance and shape of the trees and reduce the biased lean and weight over my property without compromising the health of the tree.

In the images below are 3 field maples labelled 1, 2 and 3. Trees 1 and 3 both have 2 trunks coming from their base and are the subject of my application. I am not requesting any changes to Tree 2.

Having discussed in detail with Mark Warwick during his visit, I am requesting:

Tree 1: Cut back 1 bow/ branch a maximum 2.5 meters from north aspect. Reduce height by a maximum 1 meter.

Tree 3: Cut back 2 bows/ branches a maximum 2.0 meters from north aspect. Reduce height by a maximum 1 meter.

I trust that the images below clarify this request.

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