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Planning reference: **FP/218/21/T**

I visited this location yesterday. I was able to undertake a close inspection of the sycamore tree, subject of this application.

I have undertaken a desktop review of Tree Preservation Orders which may affect this plot. My understanding is that only Bognor No5 (Area Order) could apply. Having reviewed the supporting Schedule and Plans, I am confident the tree is not affected.

Furthermore, I do not believe it is of sufficient merit to justify the making of an individual Order to preserve its place in the landscape. Two of three parent stems remain and support a visually impressive crown, although the whole structure of the tree is compromised due to substantial compression and flattening of the subordinate stem (N). Reduction or removal of the latter (necessary to mitigate risk of failure) would greatly diminish the tree's landscape value.

I therefore conclude, consent from the local planning authority is not required prior to undertaking the proposed work.

My recommendation is that the applicant be advised to withdraw their application and proceed without further recourse to this Authority.

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