

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Katherine Rawlins

PLANNING APPLICATION: FP/22/13/T

ADDRESS: 8 Ceres Place Felpham PO22 7RG

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell 1 no. Sycamore

INSPECTION DATE: 22nd March 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒ No Objection ☐ Suggested Conditions ☐Comment ☒ Recommendation ☐ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☒**Comments:**

I visited the site and found several trees within the garden of the above property and a large dead and dangerous limb of a Monterey Pine extending into this property from an adjacent garden. There are two maps associated with this single application dated 8th February and 27th February. The description within the application does not match the work as indicated on the plan of 27th February where tree TA was marked for felling but was scribbled out.

I believe that tree TA is the mature Sycamore tree located in the corner of the rear garden between the small shed and side fence boundary. This tree is clearly visible from the highway providing visual amenity. Tree TA was found to contain some deadwood and damaged branches caused by the gnawing antics of Grey Squirrel. The tree has a healthy main stem and supportive primary branch structure. Removal of dead and damaged secondary branch growth is recommended but its removal has not been justified. In my opinion I doubt this was the original tree that the Arboricultural consultant 'Jonathan Rodwell' had priced to be felled as it is a very competitive price.

There is a smaller double stemmed Sycamore which I believe has been marked on the 8th February location plan marked as TC, located between a mature tree near to the rear fence and the Evergreen Oak. The tree is smaller in size than the one near to the shed. Its loss would however not detract from the visual amenity of the area and should be allowed consent.

The reason for thinning the crown of the Horse Chestnut and the amount by in percentage has not been provided. This needs to be clarified by the tree owner as without this detail the work is invalidated.

Recommendation:

The felling of Sycamore TA is unjustified and the amount in percentage for the crown thin of the Horse Chestnut has not been provided. The application should therefore be refused consent.

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