

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: LU/164/18/TC

Location: 8 River Road, Littlehampton

Description of works: Crown reduce 1No. Ginkgo biloba tree by 2m and crown lift by 3m within River Road Conservation Area

Comments on Application:

Maidenhair tree *Ginkgo biloba* Approx. Height: 10m Average Spread: 4m Age: Early-mature

- This tree is discreetly located at the rear of the dwelling and beginning to dominate the rear garden. It is not visible from the roadside and only a few neighbouring properties can appreciate it.
- While of visual and botanical interest, it was bound to have become an imposing presence being so closely associated with residential dwellings and associated built structures. Although I was unable to comprehensively assess its condition for myself, it appears to be in a fine physiological state with a full and healthy crown. It appears to have high growth potential.

Conclusions:

- This tree has some value by virtue of its species type and apparent good health and is probably valued by the applicant. It is unlikely to be able to reach its full growth potential at such a confined location and therefore some form of 'containment pruning' will be required.
- It provides little public amenity value and in my opinion does not qualify for the making of a Tree Preservation Order.
- The work proposed represents a reasonable attempt to retain the tree in greater harmony with its surroundings and will not diminish the character of the area.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a TPO in this instance.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team