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Amber

Application ref: LU/168/18/TC

Location: Pharos Quay, River Road, Littlehampton

Works proposed: Fell to ground level 2No. Sycamore trees within the River Road Littlehampton Conservation Area

I visited this location on July 26th 2018 to determine the aforementioned Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.

I am satisfied that the works proposed will not result in the character of the surrounding area being diminished.

That said, it is worth noting for the record that they currently provide a useful degree of screening/noise abatement from the adjacent public house and so their removal will have a negative effect for some nearby residents. This is unfortunate but perhaps an inevitable consequence of planting such a tree type at this location.

Without the requisite amount of space in which to develop without constraint, these trees have grown rapidly to now dominate this corner of the site. They are relatively young trees and have high growth potential. In such close proximity to wall and building they are not sustainable in the long-term without imposing significant 'nuisance' on the nearest property. I see no justification for seeking to retain them in the short-term as this would serve only to delay the inevitable. It is unfortunate that a more appropriate tree species was not selected initially and one hopes that the landowner/applicant will seek to replant with more appropriate vegetation or employ some other measure to compensate for their loss.

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

Kind regards,

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