

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Damian Sullivan

PLANNING APPLICATION: LU/275/14/TC

ADDRESS: 8 Smallcroft Close, Littlehampton.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Felling of 5 Sycamore trees within Littlehampton Conservation Area

INSPECTION DATE: August '14

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☐ Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ **Dead/Dangerous** ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

Survey:

Species: 8 x Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* **Height:** between 5 and 7 meters
Average Crown Spread: 1.5 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** poor **Age Class:** Juvenile

Comments:

- Trees are situated in the rear garden of 8 Smallcroft Close. The surrounding landscape has been heavily developed, however there are a few notable mature specimens dotted around this housing estate. The outlined sycamores are not visible to public, and have poor arboricultural traits.
- The outline trees on this application have established themselves at the foot of a flint wall, where it meets paving in the garden. It is quite clear they have self-seeded from a neighbour's maturing Sycamore 3 doors down. This area is not top soiled (is all masonry, and or concrete), so the trees have found small gaps in the structures and build-ups of organic in matter in which to establish.
- There is currently little evidence that this is currently having an too much of an adverse effect on this boundary wall and other stuctures; however future growth and development is highly likely to compromise this boundary wall and the other surrounding structures.

Recommendation:

- **It would therefore be my recommendation that this application should be allowed to take place**, as future development and growth of the outlined trees is likely to lead to issues occurring with the surrounding structures.

**Dafydd Lloyd
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Tree Officer**