

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: LU/417/17/TC

Location: Flat 1, Selborne Place, Selborne Road, Littlehampton

Description of works: Crown reduction to 1No.Sycamore tree by 3m in Littlehampton Conservation Area

Comments on Application:

Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 13m Average Spread: 5m Age: Mature

- Tree occupies a prominent position at intersection of through-roads and is highly visible from surrounding area.
- It is most likely self-seeded and has been previously pollarded at approximately 5m height. Re-pollarding such as proposed is necessary to retain the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in good health and stable.

Conclusions:

- Despite its size and position this tree has poor form and has outgrown its location with associated risk of damage to boundary walls; therefore will not make a significant long-term contribution to the character of the surrounding area.
- The work proposed is justified for arboricultural reasons.

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

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