

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: M/135/21/T

Location: 16 Ancton Way, Elmer, Middleton-On-Sea, PO22 6JN

Description of works: Reduce overhang of 2no. sycamores by 3m to leave 2m

Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

T1 & T2 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 0-5m, Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) these trees appear to be in a fair physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. They form a cohesive pair.
- They are woodland fringe trees, protected by a Tree Preservation Order. This work proposal will result in relatively discreet pruning being carried out and not alter the fundamental character of the woodland.
- The trees grow at the rear of the property but can be clearly seen from neighbouring dwellings and in part from publicly accessible land.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable clearance from adjacent residential property.
- There will be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010

Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees' continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.***

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

