ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Date: 14 October 2013

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster **TO: Damian Sullivan**

PLANNING APPLICATION: M/62/13/T

ADDRESS: Darmleigh, 12 West Close, Middleton

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Lop three limbs from a mature Sycamore

INSPECTION DATE: 11h October 2013 on-site

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection		No Objection	X	Suggested Conditions	
Comment	X	Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	
Tree Replacement		**Dead/Dangerous**		CA & Amenity Value	

Comments:

I have inspected the three limbs of the Sycamore which are found to be healthy and in good condition. There is some dead wood further out into the finer branching area and its removal is exempt from requiring permission from the LPA. The proposed 'lop' of the three branches is unspecific and regarded as a poor term requiring refinement. Lopping of branches can create leafless and branchless stubs that have the potential to die back and create cavity formation of the primary branches supporting them to ultimately reduce the longevity of the tree as a whole.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a Crown Reduction between 2-3m carried out which will reduce the branch ends and retain foliage bearing branches to keep them alive. Alternatively one or two of the low and smaller branches could be removed with the higher branch reduced as described above.

Ian Brewster
Arboriculturist