

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: M/63/17/T

Location : Manor House - 1 Sea Lane, Middleton on Sea

Description of works: Felling of 1 No Sycamore

Applicants Reasons Decayed at the base

Comments On Application:

Tree G1f – Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Avge Height = 16m Avge spread = 5m Age = Early-Mature

- This tree is in poor overall condition with significant cavities in mid crown area where large open wounds from previous heavy topping out have rotted and decayed down into trunk.
- The tree surgeons have now spotted decay at the base of the tree.
- This tree is in a prominent location overhanging a busy road so safety is paramount.

Conclusions:

- Whilst I do not think there is an imminent risk of failure there are significant health issues with this tree throughout.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the felling of this tree subject to the planting of a replacement tree at the same location.

Conditions to be applied to the approved works:

- Once the Sycamore tree has been removed and either grubbed or ground out then a replacement tree is to be planted 'in the same place'.
- This is to be of Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.
- It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the Sycamore tree.
- The species shall be selected from the following:-
Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur*
Common Beech *Fagus sylvatica*
Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*

Reasons : To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general

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