

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: P/68/19/T

Location: Verge at Junction of The Causeway and Kings Drive, Pagham, PO21 4PG

Description of works: Fell 2no. whitebeam trees

Reasons Given: Significant structural defects and decay events

Comments on Application:

T1 Swedish whitebeam / <i>Sorbus intermedia</i>	Approx. height: 7m	Average spread: 3m	Age class: Mature
T2 Swedish whitebeam / <i>Sorbus intermedia</i>	Approx. height: 8m	Average spread: 3m	Age class: Over mature

- T1 – growing in roadside verge outside 3 The Causeway. Prominent tree, highly visible to users of the public highway and from surrounding properties. Multiple stems from ground level.
- T2 – growing in roadside verge outside 6 Kings Drive. Prominent tree, highly visible to users of the public highway and from surrounding properties.
- Both trees are near or have reached the end of their safe, useful life expectancy. This is clear from my own inspection and evidenced in detail by the applicant.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is necessary to mitigate an unacceptable risk of structural failure and so is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- There will be some loss of visual amenity on completion of the proposed works, although this can be compensated for with the planting of suitable replacement trees and their inclusion in a programme of aftercare.

Recommendations:

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

Condition To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Once the trees have been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then replacement trees are to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 3metres.

They are to be of Standard Nursery Stock proportions (minimum 10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on stakes with appropriate securing ties and pads.

They are to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the two whitebeam trees.

The species shall be selected from the following:-

Whitebeam *Sorbus aria* and its cultivars

Swedish whitebeam *Sorbus intermedia* and its cultivars

Alternative tree type at least of similar stature and subject to approval by the local planning authority.

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

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