

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: P/80/22/T
Location: 25 Manor Park, Pagham, PO21 3JS
Proposal: Fell 1no. Norway maple tree
Reasons given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

Norway maple / *Acer platanoides* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, referring to the documents submitted and online resources.

I concur with the applicant/agent's identification of the tree and that it was most likely the intended subject (our ref. T8) of TPO - Pagham No.1/69.

It is evidently a tree of complex crown form arising from unsympathetic and erratic pruning history, formed upon multiple stems of inherently weak structure. One of the stems is now diseased.

It is highly visible from surrounding properties and in part to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).

Conclusions:

Although a relatively large garden tree offering some seasonal visual interest, it is evidently compromised both structurally and physiologically such that it is unlikely to remain viable for safe retention for more than a few years. It provides little public amenity and has no realistic chance of recovery.

The Local Planning Authority can secure an appropriate replacement tree by applying a specific condition to any Decision Notice.

Recommendation:

I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 3metres.

This is to be of Selected 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 Norway maple tree.

The species selected shall be a: **Field maple** / *Acer campestre*

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

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer

Neighbourhood Services