

24 Oct - corrections to typos/missing words
in on-line submission

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Dear Arun Planning,

We concur with other comments that this tree is a significant feature in the local landscape. However, it is our primary concern that if this 'vague' tree pruning is allowed, the tree will be left unbalanced and lop-sided and could leave us and neighbouring properties in significant danger given that our prevailing winds are from the south-west and that this tree would be left in an unstable condition.

It would seem appropriate that an assessment by a professional independent arborist is sought before any work is agreed and assurance is given that no damage to neighbouring properties will occur as a result of this application. It would seem pertinent to ask for a clearer definition of what pruning is to be undertaken and why and 'assurance' from an expert that any work carried out on the tree will not jeopardise its healthy and stable state. Before any work is approved, we hope that the planning department considers it paramount to ensure the safety of neighbouring properties and to ensure that any impact on the environment is minimal?

This application appears to blame the tree trunk as causing access restrictions. Remembering back to R/294/14/PL many objections were raised against the 'footprint of the building described as a wider plot' causing access problems? Isn't it the allowance of a 'new build on a wider plot' that has led to access restrictions rather than the mature Sycamore tree which has been in place for 100 + years?

