

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: R/205/17/T

Location : rear of 10-12 Bushby Avenue, Rustington

Description of works: Prune back branches overhanging north boundary wall & roofing by 300-500mm to 1 No Sycamore tree

Applicants Reasons : To abate a potential nuisance

Comments On Application:

T 1 – Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height = 14m Avge spread = 8m Age = Mature

- A maturing tree that is sound and healthy and makes a positive impact in the landscape.
- Growing at the side of a narrow driveway and not in the ownership of the applicant.

Conclusions:

- The request to remove the overhanging growth by 300mm[1ft] to 500mm [1ft 7ins] is reasonable and acceptable but what concerns me is the level of prune shown by the line submitted on the photographs – if pruned back to this line then it would equate to 1m to 1.5m off the rear section of the tree and double that to the front section which would not be acceptable.
- I am happy to approve the minor level of pruning which has been requested but will be keeping an eye on this site to make sure that 500mm is not exceeded – this would of course be an offence under the Town and Country Planning Act and the tree surgeon and the person instructing them would be liable to prosecution.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the pruning back of branches (facing onto flank wall of 7 Waverley Rd) measured from the tips back towards the trunk by between 0.3m to a maximum of 0.5m.
- The owner's consent to prune the tree is not required **IF** the work is to be undertaken from a lift platform **but** if the tree surgeon has to climb the tree then they must first obtain the approval of the owner of the tree.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons : In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.*

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