

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: R/248/17/T

Location: rear of 10-12 Bushby Avenue, Rustington

Description of works: Prune back in line with boundary wall of No 7 Waverley Road and crown lift to 5.5m to 6m and remove basal suckers on 1 No Sycamore tree

Applicants Reasons: To abate a potential future nuisance

Comments On Application:

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

- A maturing tree that is sound and healthy and makes a positive contribution in the landscape.
- Growing at the side of a narrow driveway and not in the ownership of the applicant.
- This tree was the subject of a similar and previous application to prune **Ref: R/205/17/T (Zac Denton) in Oct 2017.**

Conclusions:

- The request to remove the overhanging growth back in line with the boundary wall of No 7 Waverley is excessive and would be harmful to this trees visual amenity value in the landscape and also not comply with BS3998 recommendations.
- The tree already has a ground clearance to almost 6m from ground above the access drive.
- The basal suckers are a nuisance issue and may be removed.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL but ONLY for the removal of basal suckers and crown lifting to a maximum ground clearance of 6m.**
- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the shortening back of lateral spread as requested by the applicants.

N.B there is an extant approval for the following works as approved under R/205/17/T

- ***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.***

 Consultant Arboriculturist