

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: R/285/18/T

Location: Northwest verge to rear of 12 Bushby Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DX

Description of works: Prune up to 1m interim stem growth of basal trunk area to 1 No.Sycamore tree

Reasons Given: To facilitate determination of plot boundary

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: Approx. 14m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable. The main stem is clear of established branches providing adequate clearance for traffic but it retains an attractive upper crown profile.
- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows alongside the applicant's dwelling and can be seen from neighbouring property and public highway.
- The applicant proposes only to prune back or remove developing shoots (epicormics growth) from low about the main stem.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain long-term clearance of access and boundary features without detriment to tree form.
- There will be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- 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.

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