

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner
Planning Application Ref: Y/33/19/T
Location: Ferndale House, Burndell Road, Yapton, BN18 0HT
Description of works: Fell 1no. sycamore tree
Reasons Given: Risk management

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Approx. height: 20m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. It has landscape value and is both highly visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).
- It grows between and dominates two mature hornbeam trees; an attractive group benefiting from mutual support and cohesion. Beyond the curtilage of this property the group and especially the sycamore can be viewed as an important constituent of an established line of trees, which both help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.

Conclusions:

- This tree provides significant visual amenity and has not been proven to present an unacceptable level of risk for its location, so should be retained.
- This is a long-established tree given adequate room and statutory protection during/in response to - relatively recent residential development; so as to be purposefully retained in harmony with surroundings. The work proposed has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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