

WESTDENE WARD

Application No. BH2003/01432/TPO/F

Site Address: Tudor Cottage, 263 London Road

Applicant: Katherine Price-Jones

Date Received: 1 May 2003

Officer Dealing: Richard Webber Tel: 292186

Comments:

An application has been received for the felling of two trees at the above address. The trees are covered by TPO (No1) 1998 and identified as Sycamore T27 and Evergreen Oak T19.

T27 Sycamore

Height: 18m approx.

Crown Radius: 8m approx.

Proximity to building: 4m approx.

From a ground level inspection the Sycamore's condition can be determined as 'poor'. On the lower trunk a large section of decay was evident with secondary infection. Within the crown the 'foliage mass' was low with large obvious deadwood, indicating decline of the tree. The tree is in irreversible decline and due to the close proximity of the house, removal is recommended with a condition of a replacement.

T15 Evergreen Oak

Height: 16m approx.

Crown Radius: 5m approx.

Proximity to buildings: 12m approx.

From a ground level inspection the Evergreen Oak's condition can be determined as 'poor'. Within the upper crown are large sections of deadwood with foliage definition less than would be expected with this species. The stem breaks approximately 1.5m and decay is evident on the western leader (see photograph). The strength in this section cannot be determined and the weight above this section presents a significant risk. The tree is in decline and therefore removal is recommended with a condition for a replacement.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve with conditions as noted below.

T1.04, T1.05 and T1.07