

Application Number: BH2011/00692 **Ward:** Withdean
Address: 17 The Mews, Towergate, Brighton
Proposal: To fell 2 x Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore),
tree numbers T.8 and T.12 covered by Tree Preservation
Order (No 1) 1998
Officer: Di Morgan, tel. 01273 292929
Date Received: 2 March 2011
Applicant: Paul Harwood, Rottingdean Garden and
Landscape Services Ltd

1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the above application.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in paragraph 7 of this report and resolves to **refuse** consent.

3 Description of the Application Site

3.1 The two overmature trees the subjection of this application are situated in the garden of 17 The Mews, Towergate. This is a modern house built on one of Brighton's old estates, with many of the original trees still surviving around the estate.

3.2 There are ten trees in total in the garden that are covered by the above-mentioned Preservation Order, and one that is not covered by the TPO. They are mostly situated around the northern edge of the garden, with three growing in the middle of the garden. The applicant wishes to fell four trees in total, however, one is not covered by the TPO and therefore permission will not be required from this Committee (however, it is in a conservation area), one is diseased and will be removed under the five-day exemption rule for trees that may be considered dead dying or dangerous, and finally the two trees that are the subject of this application.

4 Proposal

4.1 The applicant wishes to fell these trees as it is felt there is a lack of light in the garden, and to remove them will open up the garden.

5 Considerations

- 5.1 Tree T.8 is approximately 14 – 15 metres in height with a crown spread of 5 - 6 metres. It has a high, sparse crown over the understorey of Yew. There is a wound at approximately 2m that is showing good signs of occlusion. No structural defects were visible at the time of the inspecting officer's visit.
- 5.2 Tree T.12 is approximately 14 – 15 metres in height with a crown spread of 6 – 7 metres. No structural defects were visible at the time of the inspecting officer's visit.

6 Relevant Planning History

- 6.1 None

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 The garden in which the trees stand is at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. However, the trees are situated in the grounds of the old estate and contribute significantly to the tree-scape of the area.
- 7.2 At the time of the inspecting officer's visit, there were no visible structural defects that would warrant the removal of these trees.
- 7.3 As the trees are situated at a distance of 5 - 6 metres and 7 - 8 metres from the house, and on its northern side, the inspecting officer felt that their removal would not improve the amount of natural light reaching the garden to an extent that would justify their removal.

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