

Application Number **AWDM/0394/26**

Address **Shoreham College St Julians Lane Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 6YW**

Proposal **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/00 (SU) of 2000 to fell and replace one Sycamore tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large tall mature Sycamore located between the College's Music Room and the Lodge, west of the main entrance drive way. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree due to identified “included bark” on the main upright stems.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety.

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1977: The Kingston Buci Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974 by Adur District Council on the 13th April 1977.

1995: Works To Trees Subject To Tpo 162/5/72 (Su)

2000: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/3/00/SU made 2000.

2004: Works To Trees Subject To T.P.O Ref 13.53/3/00/Su On West Side Boundary (Adj. New Sports Hall)

2009: Pollard 1 x Holm Oak, reduce by 40% and crown clean 3 x Holm Oaks, remove to height of 3m 1 x Holm Oak and reduce and crown clean Poplars (all subject to TPO/13.53/3/00/SU) on western boundary of site

2010: Felling of Horse Chestnut facing St Julians Lane and reduce Holm Oak by approximately 95% facing Kingston Lane (subject to TPO 13.53/3/00/SU)

- 2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/3/00/SU of 2000 to reduce radial spread on northern side by 2 to 4 metres, and reduce height by up to 2 to 7 metres, 16 Poplar trees, 2 Ash trees and 3 Sycamore of group G1, to reduce radial spread over carriage way by between 2 to 4 metres, and remove selected lowest limbs on Holm Oak trees T22, T13 & T14, to reduce up to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, and reduce height by up to 3 metres, and crown thin up to 15% Holm Oak trees T52 T53 T54 & T55, to reduce height and radial spread of one Holm Oak T3, to reduce two large secondary stems by up to 40% one Holm Oak T59, to Pollard one Poplar T12, and to fell and replace one Holm Oak T56.
- 2019: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/00/SU of 2000 to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres over highway and thin by up to 15% four trees: Maple T4, and Limes T5 & T7, and prune to allow clearance to cables within the crown Lime T5, to reduce radial spread by 2 to 3 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres over highway and thin by up to 15% Ash trees T8 & T9, to remove deadwood from Rowan trees T29 to T33, and Holm Oaks T28 & T27, and to fell and replace one Rowan tree T30.
- 2025: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162-5-72(Su) of 1972 to reduce / pollard eastern stem in line with boundary wall one Holm Oak tree T14.
- 2026: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce damaged eastern stem to sound wood one Ash tree in the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Sycamore growing in the front grounds between two low rise buildings and southeast of an Electricity substation. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into two parallel upright stems. The east stem divides again from 4 metres, with the west stem mostly persisting to 8 metres where all stems have been previously reduced, with the slender re-growths forming a tight array. The first laterals emerge from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread on over extended tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree. This due to the west stem having included bark of more than 50% of the union, forming a potential weak point.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed felling of the Sycamore tree T1, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size, species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 20/05/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 20/5/26