

Application Number: BH2009/002686 **Ward:** Stanford
Address: 3 The Green, Hove
Proposal: To fell 1 x Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
covered by Tree Preservation Order (No 4) 1993.
Officer: Di Morgan, tel. 01273 292929
Date Received: 22 October 2009
Applicant: Jon Lee, Arbworx

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 **grant** consent subject to the following conditions:

- The felling shall be carried out within two years under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.
- The said existing tree shall be replaced by a tree of a size and species and in a position to be agreed by the Local Planning Authority.
- The replacement tree shall be planted during the period November to March next, following the felling of the existing tree, and such planting shall be in all respects to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.
- If, within a period of two years from the date of the planting, the tree (or any other tree planted in replacement for it) is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted at the same place, or in accordance with any variation for which the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent.

3 Description of the Application Site

3.1 The Green is a cul-de-sac off Barrowfield Drive in Hove. The area has many trees. The tree is situated right at the front of the garden of number 3 The Green, immediately next to the footpath leading on to the property and right at the end of this quiet cul-de-sac.

- 3.2 This Tree Preservation Order covers in excess of 100 trees in and around the Barrowfield Estate in Hove.

4 Proposal

- 4.1 The applicant wishes to fell this tree as it is felt it is a poor specimen showing low vigour under the canopies of adjacent better examples.

5 Considerations

- 5.1 The tree the subject of this application is approximately 14 – 16 metres high with a crown spread of 6 - 7 metres.
- 5.2 It appeared to be in poor shape at the time of the inspecting officer's visit. It is a drawn up specimen, situated as it is between 3 fine Beech trees in the neighbouring garden on one side, and a fine Elm tree in the neighbouring garden the opposite side.
- 5.3 It had obviously been ivy clad for a long time. The ivy has recently been severed, exposing the canopy of the tree. There appears to be excessive dead wood in the canopy.
- 5.4 It is visible from the public footpath and road on which this property sits.

6 Relevant Planning History

- 5.1 None.

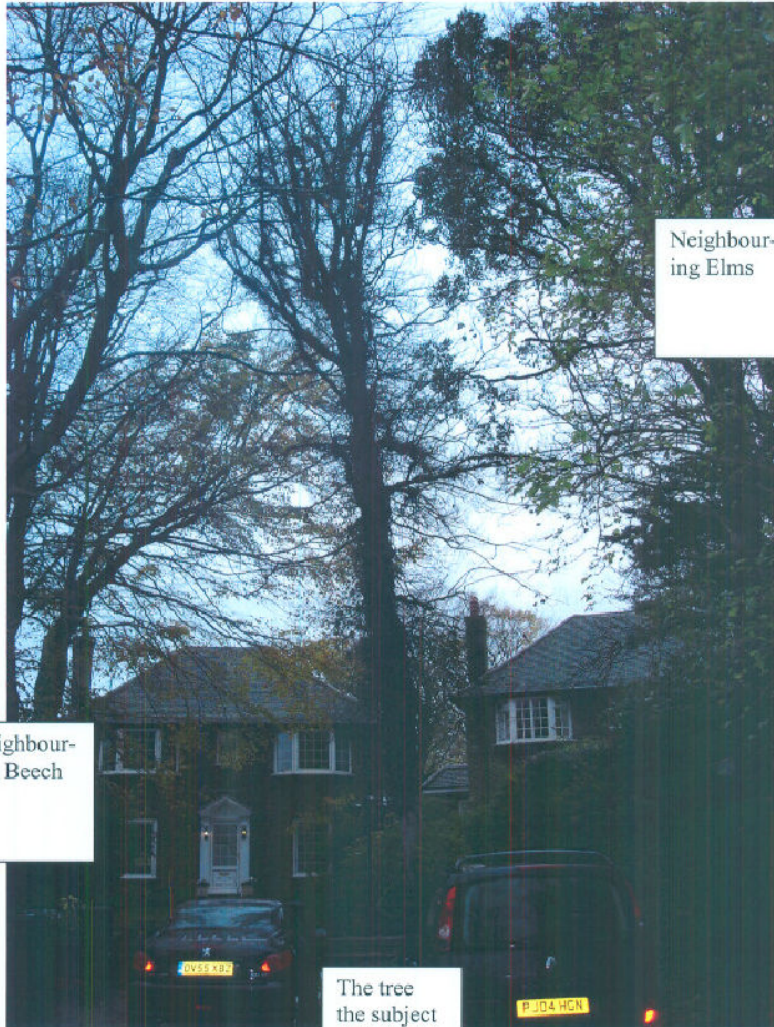
7 Considerations

- 7.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the above application.
- 7.2 The tree is not of particularly fine form and is surrounded by many other trees, most of which are covered by the Tree Preservation Order.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 This Sycamore is visible from the road and therefore can be regarded as having public amenity value, however, it is a poor specimen. Therefore it is felt better to remove this tree at this time. The canopies of the adjacent trees will soon utilise the space left by this tree, and a replacement tree can be secured.

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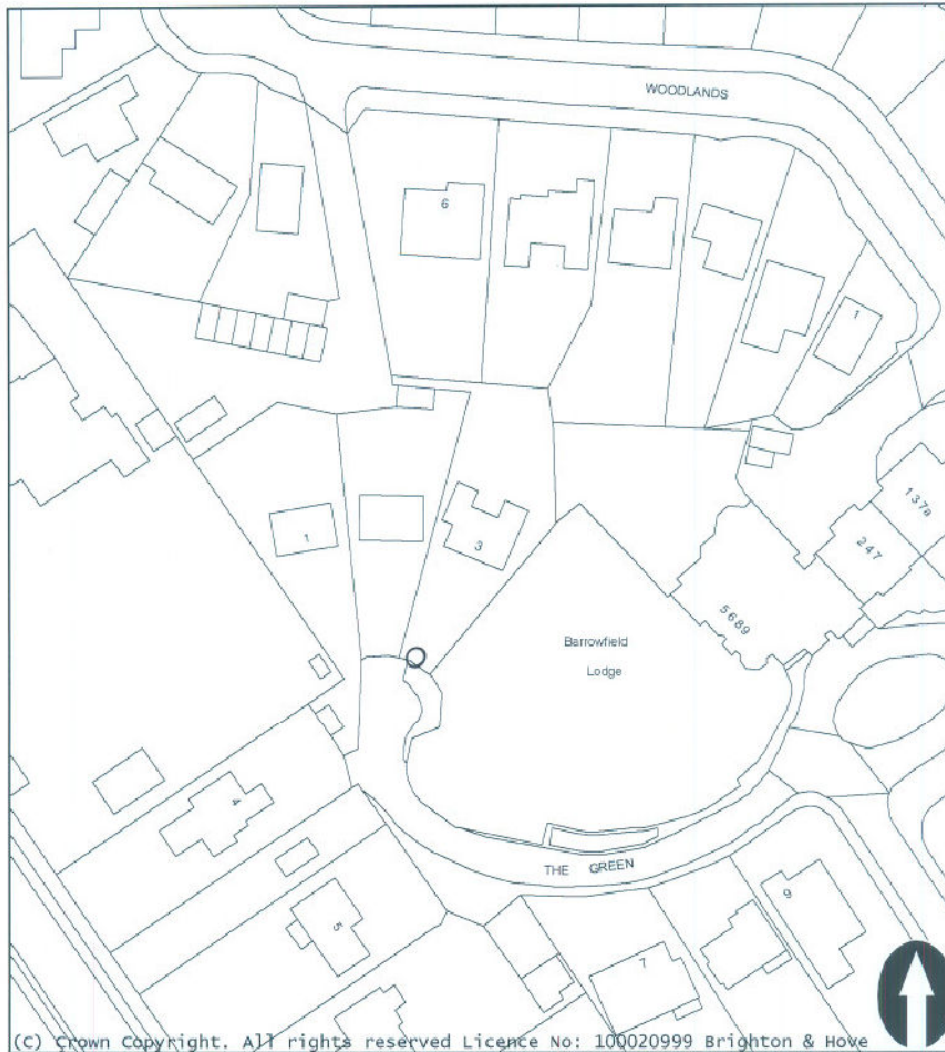


Neighbouring Beech

Neighbouring Elms

The tree the subject of this application

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