

**Application Number:** BH2008/02801                      **Ward:** Withdean

**Address:** Pinewood Close, Brighton

**Proposal:** To fell 2 x Acer pseudoplatanus, both trees covered by  
Tree Preservation Order (No. 24) 1974 (Area Order).

**Officer:** Di Morgan, tel. 01273 292186

**Date Received:** 27 August 2008

**Applicant:** Angela Leal, 7 Pinewood Close

## **1 Introduction**

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

## **2 Recommendation**

2.1 That the Sub-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 to fell these two Sycamores.

## **3 Description of the Application Site**

3.1 Pinewood Close is a small cul-de-sac off of Station Road in Brighton (Preston Park Station is to the south). There are 8 properties in this close, and it is estimated they were built when this Tree Preservation Order was made, in 1974. Both trees are in shrubbed areas of the Close, the one nearest station road is next to the communal bins and the one to the east of the site is in another shrubbery close to number 1 Pinewood Close. There are several trees in the close that are covered by this Area Order.

## **4 Proposal**

4.1 The applicant wishes to fell these specimens to the ground as they feel they are fast growing trees which are dense and do not let light/air through, also block light for adjacent houses.

## **5 Relevant Planning History**

- 5.1 BH2002/03361 – permission was granted to 30% crown reduce a Purple Plum.
- 5.2 BH2002/02455 – permission was granted to – copper beech – crown reduce 15 – 20%, chestnut – reduce by 30%, thin 10 – 15% and crown clean, Acer campestre (by bin store) crown lift to 2.5metres. 2 x Acer adjacent to no. 1 – crown reduce 25 – 30% to closest secondary growth points to balance overall, clean stem to 6m, prune as one tree.
- 5.3 BH1999/01580 – selectively prune 1 x Beech and 1 x Horse Chestnut.

## **6 Considerations**

- 6.1 The first Acer that the applicant wishes to fell is approximately 12 – 14 metres in height and has a crown spread of approximately 8 metres. It is situated in a shrubbery area next to the car park, 5 metres from the property of number 1 Pinewood Close, and approximately 3 metres from the neighbouring property in Robinia Lodge. This specimen is twin stemmed at ground level. The union is sub-terranean and is covered with a little ivy. This specimen could be crown lifted and have a 30% reduction and 30% crown thin to alleviate the problems being experienced. This would also alleviate any pressure on the stem union should it be weak.
- 6.2 The second Acer that the applicant wishes to fell is approximately 8 – 10 metres in height. It is twin stemmed at 2.5 metres. The fork is tight but the unions are good. This tree is situated in a shrubbery area at the entrance to the close. The inspecting officer could detect no visible defects with this specimen. Crown lifting and pruning, as per the previous tree, could alleviate the problems being experienced.
- 6.3 It is felt that both of the trees are in prominent positions and have some amenity value. There would be some impact if they were lost.
- 6.4 No loss or damage is likely to occur if the application is refused.

## **7 Conclusion**

- 7.1 The trees the subject of this application have some impact on the landscape and no defects were visible at the time of the inspecting officer's visit that indicated they should be felled.
- 7.2 The trees could both be pruned to alleviate the problems being experienced.

7.3 The trees are situated in shrubbery areas adjacent to the car park. The trees have some amenity value and the impact of their removal would be felt.

**BH2008/02801**  
**Pinewood Close**  
**Tree A**



The tree the subject of this application.



Twin stem at ground level.

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**Pinewood Close  
Tree B**

The tree the subject of this application.



Tight twin stem at 2.5 m.





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