

Application Number: BH2008/02511 **Ward:** East Brighton

Address: Kemp Court, Church Place, Brighton

Proposal: To fell 1 x Acer pseudoplatanus, covered by Tree Preservation Order (No. 6) 1985 (Area of Acer pseudoplatanus within TPO).

Officer: Di Morgan, tel. 01273 292186

Date Received: 31 July 2008

Applicant: Duncan Armstrong

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.

3 Description of the Application Site

3.1 This tree is one of many on a bank to the west of the car park of Kemp Court flats.

4 Proposal

4.1 The applicant wishes to fell this specimen to the ground in order to thin the line of trees.

5 Relevant Planning History

5.1 BH2007/02357 – group of sycamore in NW corner – liberate telephone wires.

5.2 BH2007/00543 - 1 x Acer pseudoplatanus – reduce crown by 4 – 5 m, rebalance as necessary. 1 x Acer pseudoplatanus – crown lift light growth to 4m, max 20% crown thin, max 20% crown reduction.

- 5.3 BH2006/03804 – 1 x Sycamore – cut and treat ivy. 1 x Sycamore – thin by 20% by removing some epicormic growth since reduction work. 2 x Trees – deadwood and cut ivy. 5 x Sycamores – crown lift to 5m over car park. Reduce lateral growth by up to 1.5m over car park. 1 x Sycamore – remove 1 x North and 1 x West branches with lateral wounds, crown lift to 5 m and reduce lateral growth by up to 1 m over car park. Reduce height by 4 m and reshape. 1 x Sycamore – crown lift to 5m.
- 5.4 BH2006/03456 – 2 x Acer pseudoplatanus – reduce back to boundary to suitable growth points.

6 Considerations

- 6.1 This Sycamore is approximately 14 metres in height with a sparse high crown. It is situated high on the bank at the edge of the car park. It does have a higher crown than other trees in close proximity.
- 6.2 The tree is not of particularly fine form but had no visible defects at the time of the inspecting officer's visit.
- 6.3 Should this tree be removed from the site, other trees in close proximity will soon utilise the canopy space.
- 6.4 Should the residents want a more uniform line of trees, this tree could be pruned to reduce it to the same height as the others in the vicinity.
- 6.5 No loss or damage is likely to occur if the application is refused.

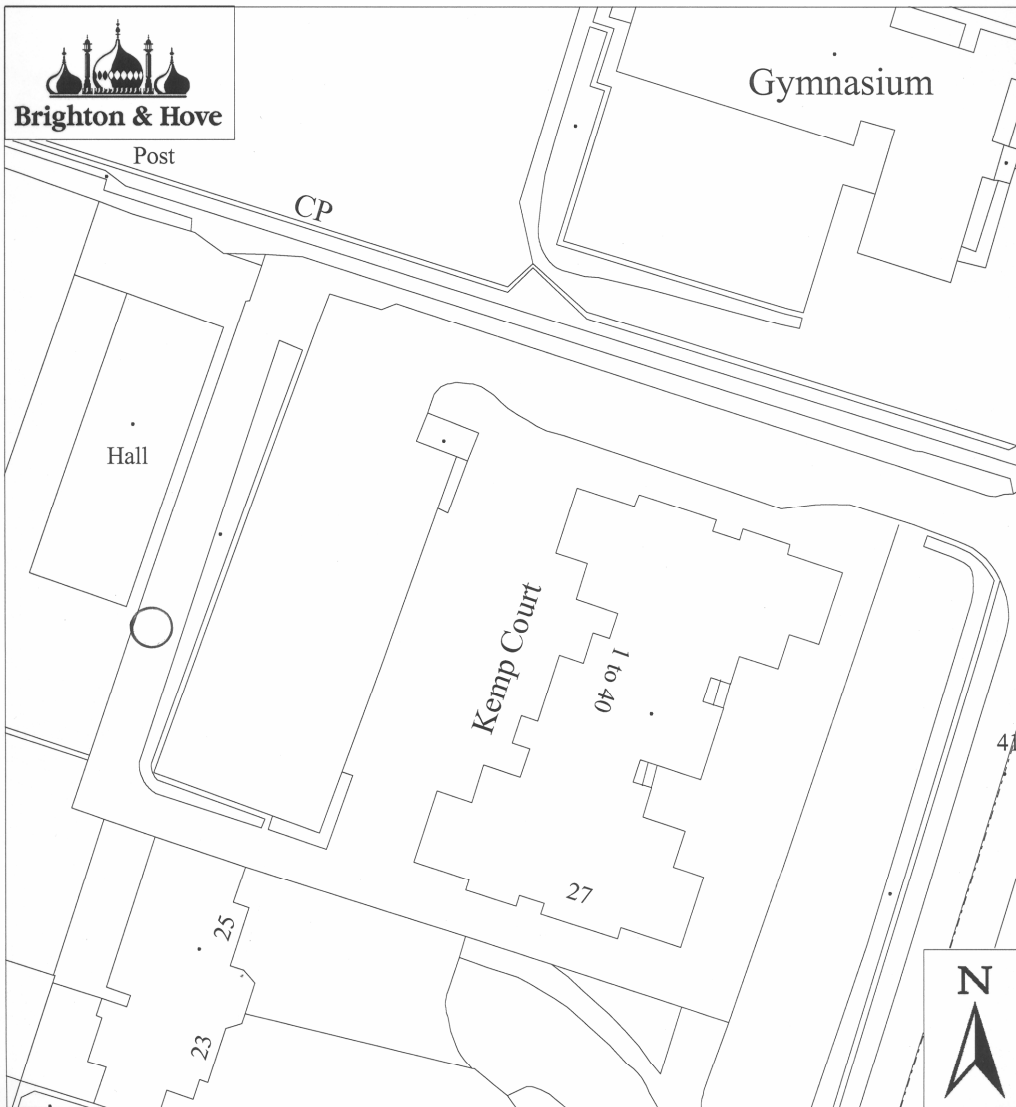
7 Conclusion

- 7.1 The tree the subject of this application is not of particularly fine form, but is one of several that creates a barrier on the western boundary of the site.
- 7.2 The tree has some amenity value in that it forms part of a screen.


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The tree the subject of this application.



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