

Additional information on the application to reduce the height of 2 non-native sycamore trees on the edge of 72A Lower road and the frontage of 4 and 5 Maplewood, Bedhampton.

These 2 trees are subject to a TPO 575 Area A1, they have been allowed to grow to a height of approximately 20-25 metres and have not been maintained since 2002 when a previous planning application was approved to crown reduce / cut these back. An application was submitted in 2015 (approx. 9 years ago) and this was withdrawn we think because the owners of 4 Maple Wood sold the property. The new owners were not aware that any work could be undertaken due to the TPO.

We are the owners of 72A Lower road, and these trees now overhang our property and are causing a significant nuisance.

Our application is to reduce the trees in height by 6m and 2.5m in width, this is the same as the planning permission that was granted in 2002 for the same trees. As this equates to approx. 30% reduction, which I understand is not acceptable, we would be happy to alter this to 25% reduction which would be 5m in height.

The trees are very old and have not been maintained for over 22 years. We feel that the trees have been left to get considerably large for the area they are in and are very close to all 3 of the surrounding houses. We feel that the crown reduction would achieve a more pleasing result if the overall size of the tree could be reduced, it would be more manageable in the future and keep the tree healthy. I have attached some photographs that show the close proximity of these trees to the houses. The reduction would prevent damage and also reduce the routes for vermin to get into the roofs.

The work would also make the trees safer, there are large branches and in the high winds these are a hazard to the properties and people below. Sycamore trees have relatively weak limbs and are susceptible to wind and ice damage making them more dangerous to be left at their current height. The trees are also very invasive and are having a detrimental effect to our properties with sap covering vehicles and gardens and extensive leaf dropping. The seedlings also self seed around our properties and are starting to grow.







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