TREE WORKS APPLICATION

Amber Cottage | Fryern Road, Storrington, Pulborough, RH20 4NE

Applicant supporting statement | 29 October 2026

Proposal overview

T1 – English Oak (*Quercus robur*): proposed removal to ground level. T2 – Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*): proposed sympathetic crown reduction, subject to assessment of its condition and likely response to altered exposure.

Tree schedule and dimensions

Tree / measure	Existing	Proposed	Change
T1 Oak – height	30.5 m	Remove	Removal
T1 Oak – crown spread	12.2 m	Remove	Removal
T2 Sycamore – height	22.9 m	16.8 m	Reduce 6.1 m
T2 Sycamore – crown spread	9.1 m	6.1 m	Reduce 3.0 m

T1 – Oak: reason for application

The trees surrounding Amber Cottage have been maintained regularly. The oak has developed a substantial upper crown on a long clear stem, close to the dwelling. The owners have reported pronounced lateral movement of the upper crown during recent high winds, estimated at up to approximately 4.6 m (15 ft). This figure is an observation supplied for context, not an instrument-measured displacement or proof of structural instability.

Given the proximity to the house, the height and mass of the crown, and the owners' concerns, consent is sought to remove T1. The intention is to manage perceived risk and retain the wider tree cover on the site. The surrounding trees will continue to receive appropriate inspection and maintenance, including planned deadwood management.

Amenity and replacement planting

Although T1 contributes to local canopy cover and amenity, other established trees remain in the immediate setting. The owners propose planting a replacement English oak at a suitable location, subject to available space and planting conditions, and managing its future growth appropriately.

T2 – Sycamore: proposed works

Following removal of T1, the adjacent sycamore may experience greater wind exposure. A crown reduction is therefore proposed from approximately 22.9 m to 16.8 m high and from approximately 9.1 m to 6.1 m lateral spread. Final pruning extent and timing should be confirmed following an on-site arboricultural assessment; the proposed reduction is substantial and may require a staged approach.

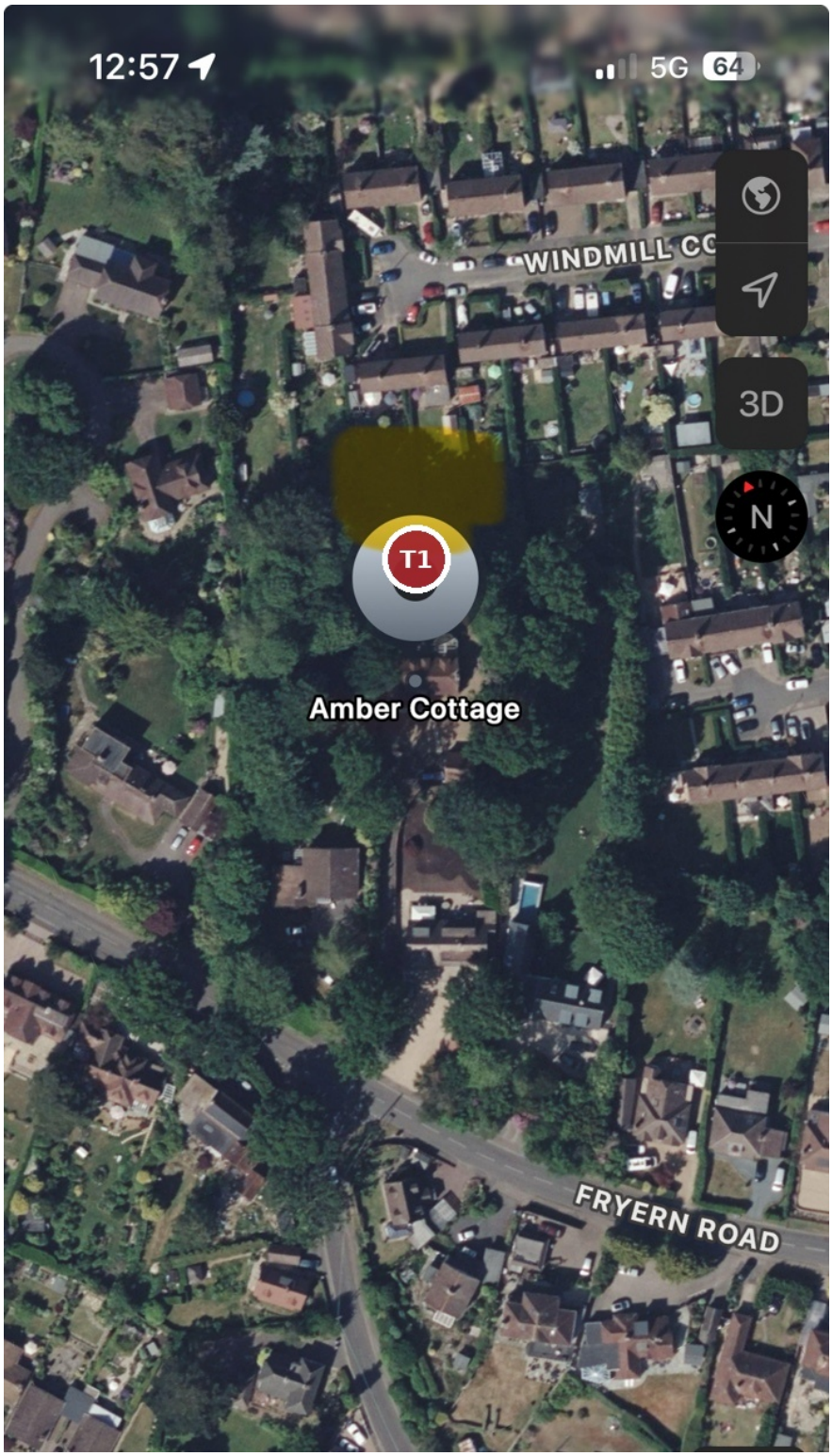
Technical and evidential note

The application does not assert that crown movement alone demonstrates imminent failure. A detailed arboricultural inspection, including assessment of the oak’s structure, defects and target occupancy, is recommended to substantiate the removal case. Works, if consented, will follow BS 3998:2010 and applicable wildlife protections.

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SITE LOCATION PLAN

Amber Cottage, Fryern Road, Storrington | Indicative tree identification



T1 (red marker): English oak proposed for removal; marker positioned within the yellow-highlighted area supplied by the applicant.
T2: adjacent sycamore location not separately confirmed and therefore not plotted.

Aerial image provided by applicant. Not to scale; indicative only. Verify tree positions on site before submission.

SUPPORTING SITE PHOTOGRAPH

Amber Cottage | Tree setting in relation to the dwelling



Photograph supplied by applicant. The proposed oak removal and adjacent sycamore reduction should be matched to the individual stems during the on-site assessment.