

CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0431: 6 Norfolk Cottages, High Street, Steyning.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Steyning Parish Council has indicated no objection to this notification.
No representations have been received in respect of this notification.

ASSESSMENT:

The trees subject to this notification comprise four Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) trees located within the rear garden of T6 Norfolk Cottages, High Street, Steyning.

The trees are moderate to large in stature; however, due to their rear garden location, the enclosed nature of the site, and the surrounding built form of nearby properties, their visibility from the public realm, in their entirety, is limited. As such, their overall contribution to public amenity and the character or appearance of the Conservation Area is considered to be modest and localised.

From the submitted information and onsite observations, it is apparent that the trees are contributing to significant damage to a nearby wall, and a large ivy-covered limb has been observed leaning towards the neighbouring garden.

Given the existing wall damage and the increasing risk associated with the leaning limb, together with the additional loading from the ivy, the removal of the four Sycamore trees is considered to be justified on arboricultural and safety grounds. Failure of the wall would be likely to result in further damage and a substantial volume of debris requiring removal and repair.

Overall, having regard to the limited public visibility of the trees, their low contribution to public amenity, and the clear arboricultural justification for their removal, the proposed works will not result in unacceptable harm to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to make a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to prevent the works being carried out as proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection to notification.

Authorising Officer sign.....ANBU.....**Arboricultural Officer (Strategic Planning)**

Date.....12 May 26.....