

**P/13/0413/TO**

**SARISBURY**

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FELL ONE SYCAMORE PROTECTED BY TPO568

16 ST PAULS ROAD SARISBURY GREEN SOUTHAMPTON HAMPSHIRE SO31 7BP

***Report By***

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***Site Description***

This application relates to a tree in the rear garden of a detached property situated on the south east side of St Pauls Road and north of Allotment Road.

***Description of Proposal***

Permission is sought to fell one sycamore protected by TPO568.

The applicant alleges the tree is too close to a second sycamore; is too tall for a small garden; the tree provides virtually no amenity value and has become a nuisance from shade/leaves/path damage.

***Policies***

The following policies apply to this application:

**Fareham Borough Local Plan Review**

DG4 - Site Characteristics

***Relevant Planning History***

The following planning history is relevant:

<b><u>P/08/1197/TO</u></b>	<b>FELL CEDAR TREE IN FRONT GARDEN COVERED BY F.T.P.O.568</b>
	REFUSE                      22/12/2008
<b><u>P/04/0936/TO</u></b>	<b>Fell One Sycamore and One Maple covered by H.T.P.O.203</b>
	REFUSE                      30/07/2004
<b><u>P/93/0857/TO</u></b>	<b>FELL T29 AND CROWN LIFT MAPLE TREES COVERED BY TREE PRESERVATION ORDER HTPO.203</b>
	CONSENT                    02/09/1993

***Representations***

One letter has been received supporting the application on the opinion that the tree no longer provides amenity value and is unsafe in relation to the proximity of dwellings.

***Planning Considerations - Key Issues***

The application tree is one of a pair of mature sycamores growing together and situated in the east corner of the rear garden of 16 St Pauls Road. The trees are growing approximately 2 metres apart with merged crowns and form one homogenous canopy. Both trees are prominent in the landscape and form part of a row of mature trees running along the south east boundary of the St Pauls Road properties adjacent to the local authority allotments at Allotment Road. The application tree is visible from a number of public

vantage points and makes a significant contribution to the surrounding landscape and its character.

Tree preservation orders seek to protect trees in the interest of public amenity, therefore it follows that the removal of a protected tree should only be sanctioned where its public amenity value is outweighed by other considerations.

In Officers' opinion it is to be expected that a large, mature tree will produce copious amounts of tree related debris. The periodic clearing of such debris, albeit an inconvenience, is part of routine household maintenance when living in close proximity to trees and provides no justification for removing this otherwise healthy tree.

The flag stone path which leads from the patio area in an arc across the lawn and alongside the two sycamore trees is showing some signs of root disturbance. However, minor remedial repairs to reset the stones from time to time would ensure this path is safe to use.

In this instance it is concluded that the reasons given for felling the sycamore are not sufficient to demonstrate that this tree poses an unreasonable burden on the use and enjoyment of the property sufficient to outweigh its public amenity value and thereby justify its removal.

***REFUSE***

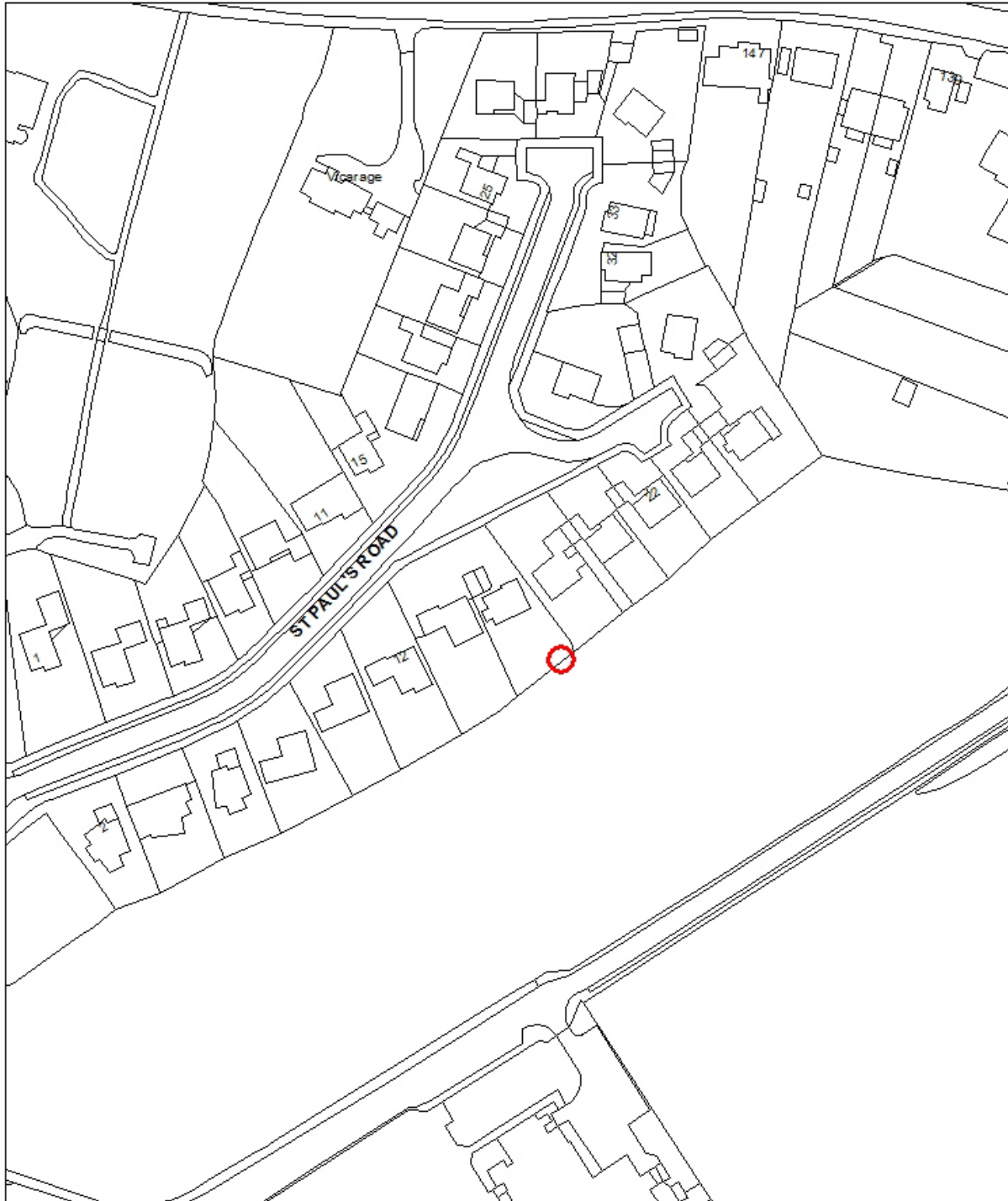
REFUSE: Insufficient arboricultural evidence, harmful to visual amenities and character of the area.

***Background Papers***

Please see planning history above.

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16 St Pauls Road  
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