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**COMMENTS ON REQUIRED TREE REMOVAL
AT
16 SOWELL STREET, BROADSTAIRS, CT10 2AU**

Application No: F/TH/22/1341

These comments relate to the Arboricultural Method Statement dated 1st November 2022, Tree Protection Plan, drawing no. J60.04/01 and the Invent Architecture Site Plan Block, drawing no. 02 Rev. H.

The trees indicated for removal in the above referenced statement were originally listed as follows:

Tree No.	Species	BS Category
T1	Sycamore	C
T7	Sycamore	C
T8	Sycamore	C
T15	Sycamore	U
T16	Ash	B

Subsequently T16 was indicated to be retained on the Invent Architecture "Site Plan Block" drawing no. 02 Rev. H.

This leaves three BS category C trees and one BS category U tree for removal.

According to BS 5837:2012 "Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction - Recommendations" BS category U trees (of less than ten years safe lifespan/dead/dying/dangerous) are not a planning consideration. Therefore, the proposed removal of T15 Sycamore is of no relevance to the planning process and is required on safety grounds.

The approved site plan indicates the access drive and a visitor layby parking and turning head within 50cm of the stem of T1, T7 and T8. This is not physically possible to achieve without significant root loss and a no dig solution is not viable due to the site conditions. The existing ground levels next to T1 are raised with a low retaining wall. Levels are 60cm+ above the floor level of Unit 4 and 50cm above the level of Unit 3. It would not be practical to build up the access drive with a no dig solution (adding circa 25cm to the level differences) and then drop within reasonable gradients to the approved units.

It is therefore considered that common sense and practicalities of construction would require trees T1, T7 and T8 to be removed

The removal of these asymmetric crowned BS category C trees would not adversely impact on the public visual amenity due to the number of retained trees that would still be present. Their removal would allow the retained trees, over time, to form more balanced canopy structures utilising the light and space resulting from the removal of these low quality trees.

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