



ARBORICULTURAL

REPORT

ON SYCAMORE TREE

AT

REAR OF 31 GLEBE FIELDS

(PLOT 4)

BELBROUGHTON

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T.5 SYCAMORE

DBH: 0.96 metres
HEIGHT: 17 metres
CROWN SPREAD: 22 metres (average)

This tree is located to the north-west of the site to the rear of 31 (plot 4) Glebe Fields, Belbroughton, Bromsgrove, DY9 9TA.

This is a mature tree which appears to be of reasonable health and vigour (although it is not yet in leaf but buds appear to be swelling as expected)

The tree form indicates that it was pollarded many years ago at approximately 5 metres, and then allowed to regrow generally unchecked to its present stature.

There is much large dead wood within the crown including two lodged dead branches.

There are several rubbing branches throughout the crown.

Several laterals which would have been overhanging into the site at the rear (north of the tree) have been poorly reduced/stubbed back some while ago and are now dying back/dead.

Elderberry vegetation and sycamore seedlings have taken root between the old pollard points.

The canopy of this tree is approximately 2 – 2.5 metres above garden level (the rear fence has been castellated to allow for low branches) and branches reach to within 3 metres from the new build house, no. 31 Glebe Fields (plot 4).

There is a considerable drop in ground level down to the new site which is over the rear garden fence.

There is a new build house and double length garage being built beneath the sycamore tree canopy on the site over the fence at the rear.

When in full leaf this tree would completely dominate the rear garden (and house) of 31 Glebe Fields (plot 4).

When Glebe Fields was proposed, the Arboricultural Report BS: 5837 (September 2017) detailed works to be carried out to this tree (which were obviously not subsequently carried out) as follows:-

Crown lift to 6 metres clearance at branch tips, and trim back west, south and east side to full height by approximately 2 metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The canopy of this tree should be lifted to approximately 6 metres

The height should be sympathetically reduced by approximately 2 – 3 metres by drop crotch methods to suitable branch junctions

The remaining lateral branches south towards the property should be reduced to give approximately 5 metres clearance of the house

The dead wood and lodged branches should be removed from the crown

Appendix III

Proposed NBA Planning Drawing 30769/01 Rev E – Nov 2017.

Tree retention indicative here.

