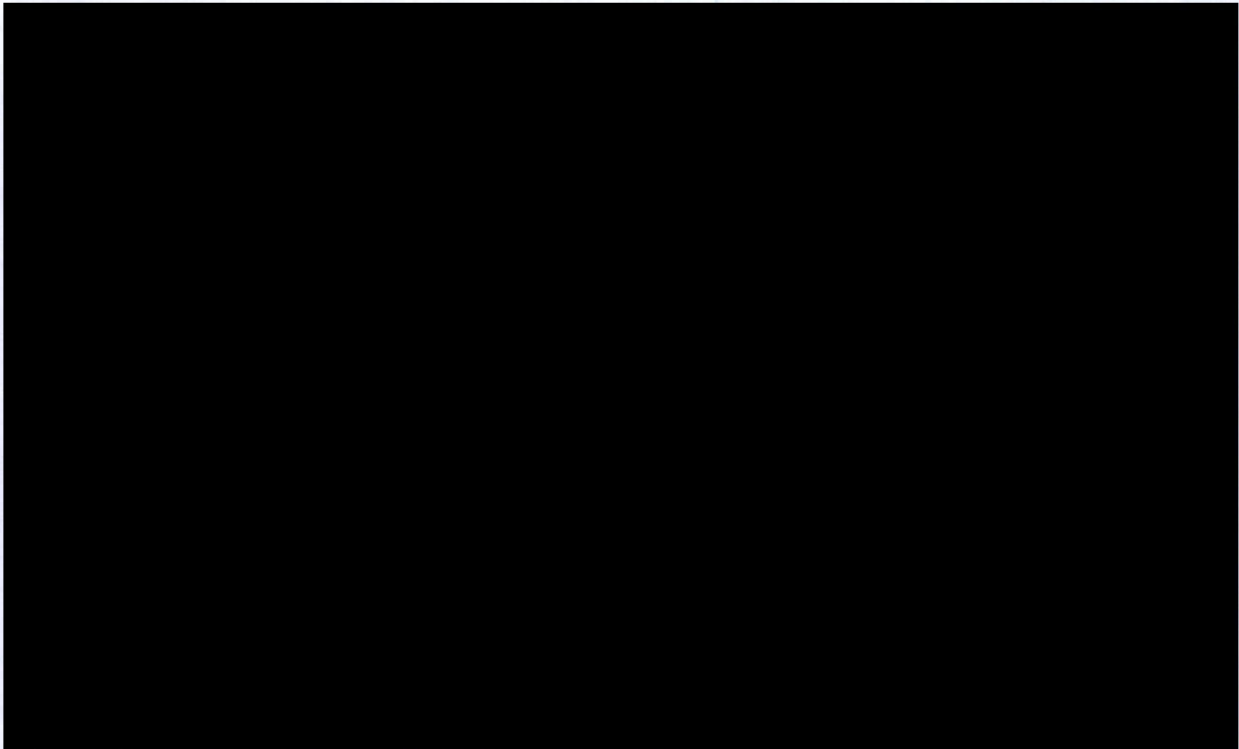
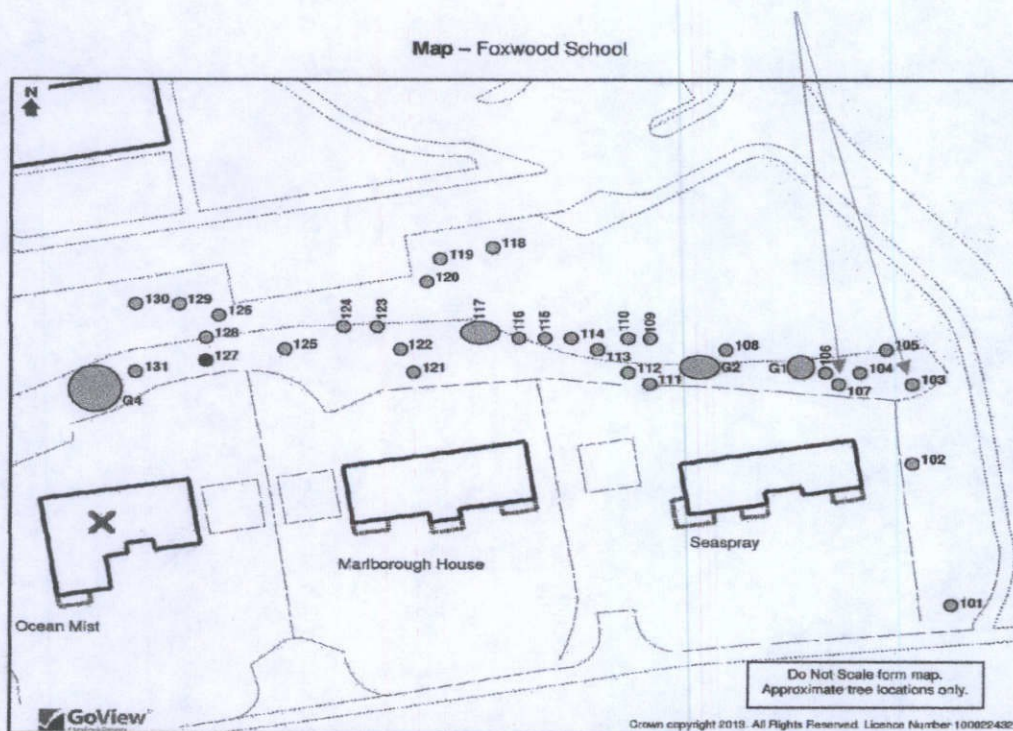


TPO No 5 of 1981 - Application for Tree Works to trees located on Council Land, just inside the boundary of old Foxwood School at/adjoining rear garden of property Sea Spray, Seabrook Road, Hythe CT21 5QJ



Specific Trees requiring proposed maintenance:

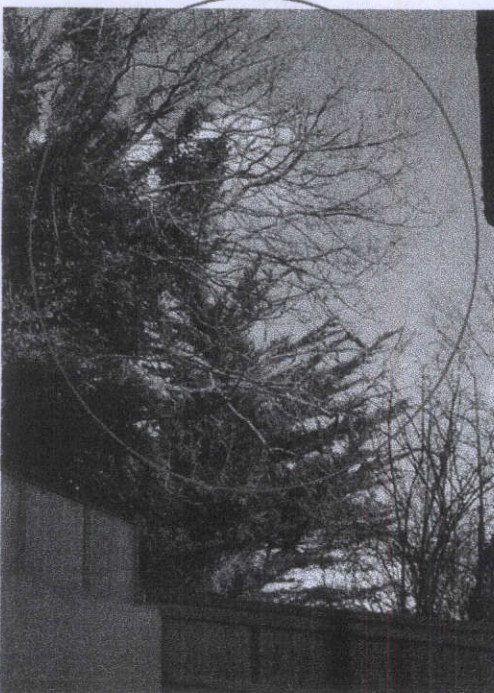
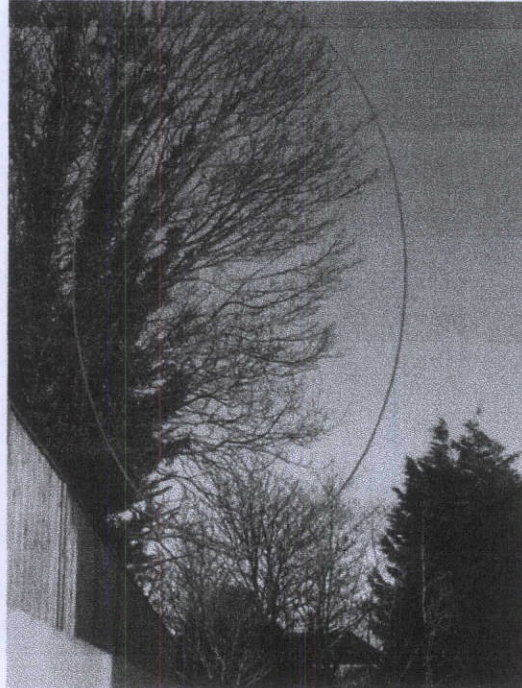
The proposed works to be applied to Sycamore trees shown in locations 107 and 103 below:



Description of Proposed Works:

Sycamore Tree No 107 shown below, due to danger it presents, to be removed/felled. Sycamore tree at No 103 to have maintenance work only - to reduce, cut back over-hang and thin Sycamore trees by 3meters, sever ivy from the base up to 1meters. This will improve the health and visual appearance of the trees and area whilst at the same time preventing the trees from being killed/choked by Ivy and causing danger/nuisance by dropping branches and other debris resulting in blocking drains to property below at Sea Spray.

Works will be completed by fully trained qualified operators, and waste will be disposed at a licensed facility.





Ivy shown above is choking trees.

Reason/Justification:

The above trees reside on council land (previously Foxwood School) present the following issues:-

- 1) The school/council are responsible for their maintenance however they have been left completely unmaintained for many years.
- 2) Foxwood School have now moved out and land has been returned to the council – is currently vacant and plans for redevelopment with up to 150 Houses proposed – Reference Shepway Places & Polices Local Plan.
- 3) There is significant and substantial overhang from Tree No 107 towering above and on to local house below, property name Sea Spray.
- 4) The photographs above were taken in Winter (January 2017) after the leaves have fallen (trees are deciduous) therefore the weight and extent of overhang is further substantially more severe during the spring/summer months when leaves are present.
- 5) The overhang, in particular Tree 107 presents a danger to the property (Sea Spray) including inhabitants below.
- 6) Due to the weight of the overhang, branches and other debris are commonly falling on to property and inhabitants at Sea Spray below – some near misses have recently been experienced with young children affected. Main considerations to be given to Health & Safety (HSE) risk imposed.
- 7) Leaves and debris, particularly in Autumn are falling and blocking drains and gutters causing dampness, staining, fooding and other nuisances at property Sea Spray below.
- 8) Ivy has been left to fully invade the trees, in turn affecting their health and appearance.

- 9) Given the desire and urgency due to Health & Safety to address these issues in a timely manner, the owner at Sea Spray is prepared to contract a local council approved tree arborist (cost wholly met/funded by Sea Spray) to have the remedial works addressed/completed.