Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/06/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/1697/17**
Address	**69 Mill Road Lancing West Sussex BN15 0QA**
Proposal	**Application under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/2/06/L of 2006 to re-pollard to original points one Ash tree of area A1**

Date of site visit: 26/06/18

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Ash located near the centre of the western boundary of the front garden. The tree is a part of, and makes a contribution to, the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard to above previous points.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who responded stating “No objection”.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1977: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/2/06/L of 2006 confirmed on 07/03/2007.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature growing in the front garden adjacent to the boundary with 4 Fairfield Road. The tree is one of several garden trees that form a informal wooded area between Fairview Road and Mountway.

The tree has single stem to 2 metres where the initial pollard was carried out. The resulting re-growth is a number of slender upright stems, that each support small laterals emerging from 3 to 3.5 metres.

Many of the secondary stems have areas of exposed heartwood and damaged bark. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread with few over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to re-pollard to above the previous points.

These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and continue with its previous management regime.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree and would not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

Case Officer: JDS Date: 24/7/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 24/7/18