Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 18/12/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1720/20**
Address	**SR Cissbury Way Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162-1-70 (SU) of 1970 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and remove deadwood three Maple trees within the open space of Cissbury Way: T1 T2, and T4.**

Date of site visit: 10/12/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a three large matures growing in a linear group along the central open space of the open plan close of Cissbury Way. The trees a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and remove deadwood three Maple trees within the open space of Cissbury Way: T1 T2, and T4

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1970: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 162-1-70 (SU) of 1970 confirmed on 15/05/1970.

Planning Assessment

The trees are part of a linear group of four Maple that run east to west along the sloped open space between the fronts of properties number 1 to 8 on the Southside and 9 to 21 to the North of Cissbury Way. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees from East to West are:

<u>Maple T1</u>
This tree has a large diameter single stem to 3 metres, where the crown breaks, with a ring of equal sized ascending laterals from 1.8 metres. The tree has a slightly squat shape, with the larger horizontal limbs emerging from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Maple T2
The Maple tree T2 is a more compact taller tree, with a single stem to 1.5 metres, where it then divides into an array of long slender stems. The secondary stem each divide at 9 -10 metres, where previously reduced. The main crown is dense and wide.

Maple T4
This is the westernmost tree of the four, and is located close to the boundary wall with properties in Mill Hill Drive. The tree has a single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into 3 to 4 large scaffold stems. At metres several smaller stems and laterals begin to emerge, with the wider more angled laterals to the east, the west side remaining mostly upright. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for all three trees are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and remove deadwood. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree's crowns, allow more light and air to pass around the crown, and for safety and amenity value.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 18/12/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 18/12/20