Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 20/05/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0500/15**
Address	**36 Downsway Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5GN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order TPO/13.53/2/00 (SU) of 2000 to reduce height and spread by up to 2.5 -3 metres / to previous pruning points, on two Acer trees T17 and T18.**

Date of site visit: 15/04/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two trees in the open plan section of garden to the west of 36 Downsway Shoreham. The trees are part of an established group of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and spread of both trees, back to the previous points.

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

2000: Adur Tree Preservation order TPO/13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 confirmed on 21/11/2000.

2003: 30% Crown Thinning & Crown Lifting To 5M Of Acer Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/00/Su)

2008: Reduction, re-shaping and other works to 2 silver maple trees (subject to TPO 13.53/2/00/SU)

2011: Works to 2 liquidambar trees subject to TPO 13.53/2/00/SU

Planning Assessment

These are two large matures growing in the open plan section of the rear garden of 36 Downsway. The trees are on a grassed area adjacent to Downsway and its junction with New Timber Gardens. The trees are;

<u>Norway Maple T1</u>
This is the smaller of the two trees that has a single clear stem to 2.5 metres, which then divides into two main stems, with the slightly sparse crown developing mostly to their upper sections. The tree has been previously reduced at 7-8 metres. The re-growth is mostly upright with a minimal amount of spread and low hanging branches. The proposed works for this tree are to reduce height and radial

spread by 2.5 to 3 metres. This may be slightly over estimated as the reduction back to the previous points would be less than 2 metres. The works are to continue with the previous management of the tree.

Norway Maple T2
T2 is a much larger older tree than T1, with twin stems from ground level. The tree was historically pollarded at 5 metres, where the substantial main stems of the crown emerge. These stems have been more recently reduced at 10 metres, with multiple re-growth of small secondary stems extending by up to 2 to 2.5 metres. The proposed works are also to reduce height and radial spread by 2.5 to 3 metres. This may also be slightly over estimated: the reduction back to the previous points would be closer 2 to 2.5 metres. The works are to continue with the previous management of the tree.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall size and form of the tree and a significant amount of reduction will take place. However the affect on the trees appearance will not be detrimental as the result will be to improve its amenity value and its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to reducing back to the previous high pollard points, and associated works only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA, 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: 20/05/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 20.5.15