Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/11/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1362/23**
Address	**26 The Martlets Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5UN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/83 (SU) of 1983 to fell and replace one Red Horse Chestnut tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 16/10/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one medium sized mature Horse Chestnut tree in land to the south of Glenorchy The Martlets. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation received from a nearby neighbour enquiring as to the type and location of the replacement tree, which is yet to be confirmed.

Relevant Planning History

1983: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/83 (SU) of 1983 confirmed on 15/06/1983.

2017: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/83(SU) to reduce height by 5m and reduce width by 2m cutting to suitable growth points to rebalance crown of one Horse Chestnut tree T1.

Planning Assessment
The tree is a medium mature Horse Chestnut growing in the side garden of 26 The Martlets. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2.25 metres, where it then divides into several stems: two main larger stems to the Northeast and West and two smaller stems to the South. The only remaining main stem is to the Northeast with the other stems having been damaged or lost several years ago. The damage extends down the main trunk with a large amount of bark tearing, which has led to severe decay. The unions of the remaining stems have cracks in the outer bark, including the larger single stem which supports most of the crown.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to severe damage and the misshapen off balance crown.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed felling of the Red Horse Chestnut tree T1 and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 16/11/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 16/11/23