Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/10/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/1332/18**
Address	**Cobblestones St Mary's Close Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Ginkgo tree and crown reduce by 30% to shape one Cherry tree within the Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 10/09/18

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 front garden of Cobblestones in St Mary's Road Shoreham-by-Sea. The trees are part of a group of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make varing contributions to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce the height and spread of the Cherry tree, and to fell the Ginko.

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

1993: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. This charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

2015: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 1 metre on one Wild Cherry tree T1, and to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 2 metres on one Judas tree T2 and one Bird Cherry T3 in the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The trees are small to medium sized early matures growing along the western boundary of the front garden. The trees make a contribution to the character of the Shoreham Conservation Area. The trees are;

<u>T1 Cherry</u>
This is a significant tall tree with a dense wide spreading crown. The tree is single stemmed to 3 metres, where the main crown develops. The crown has been previously reduced at 10 metres to

form a balance round crown. The proposed works for this tree are to reduce the crown height and spread by up to 1 metre (30%). The works are a continuation of the previous works, to contain the trees size and spread and to maintain its form.

T2 Gingko
This is a multi-stemmed tree from ground level with larger stems to its northern side. The stems are all clear to 2 -3 metres, and have a slightly distorted growth pattern. The tree has a sparse crown and several areas of damage and decay on most of the main stems. The proposed work for this tree is to fell to ground level.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the Cherry tree and the loss of the Ginkgo T1 would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 10/10/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/10/18