Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/05/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0427/25**
Address	**Manor Cottage 16 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TE**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 3 metres, and crown thin 10% one Cherry tree T1 the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 01/04/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature Cherry tree located to the northeast of Manor Cottage, between the building and the public footpath from Southwick Street to The Glebe. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, crown lift and crown thin.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1969: The property was made a Grade II listed building on 19/09/1969.

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Cherry tree growing in the open grounds adjacent to the Grade II listed building of Manor Cottage. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Cherry tree T1 has a gnarled large diameter single stem that persists to 2 metres, where the secondary stems emerge, some that are enlarged and some partially fused. The four main scaffold stems divide again from 4 to 4.5 metres, with laterals from 5 metres. The main crown is dense, wide spread and low hanging, with some laterals close to the building's roof.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 3 metres, and crown thin 10%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, abate possible future nuisance, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 09/05/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 9/5/25