Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/06/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/0558/18**
Address	**Shoreham College St Julian's Lane Shoreham-by-Sea**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/3/00/SU of 2000 to reduce radial spread on northern side by 2 to 4 metres, and reduce height by up to 2 to 7 metres, 16 Poplar trees, 2 Ash trees and 3 Sycamore of group G1, to reduce radial spread over carriage way by between 2 to 4 metres, and remove selected lowest limbs on Holm Oak trees T22, T13 & T14, to reduce up to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, and reduce height by up to 3 metres, and crown thin up to 15% Holm Oak trees T52 T53 T54 & T55, to reduce height and radial spread of one Holm Oak T3, to reduce two large secondary stems by up to 40% one Holm Oak T59, to Pollard one Poplar T12, and to fell and replace one Holm Oak T56.**

Date of site visit: 06/04/18

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to 32 trees in locations throughout the grounds of Shoreham College, including those adjacent to Kingston Lane, St Julian's Lane and Church Green. The trees are mostly tall large fully mature specimens that are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Kingston Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and radial spread of 26 trees crown thin 4 trees reduce radial spread over road of 3 trees, pollard 1 and reduce 40% 1 tree, and to fell and replace one tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1977: The Kingston Buci Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town AND Country Amenities Act 1974 by Adur District Council on the 13th April 1977.

2000: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/3/00/SU made 2000.

2004: Works To Trees Subject To T.P.O Ref 13.53/3/00/Su On West Side Boundary (Adj. New Sports Hall)

Planning Assessment

The trees are located along the southern eastern and North boundaries of the site, including trees of group G1 in the southeast corner. The trees to the eastern side, adjacent to Kingston Lane, are the most prominent and include some of the largest of the many Holm Oaks within the grounds of Shoreham College.

The proposed works are to reduce height and radial spread by up to 4 metres on 26 trees, to crown thin up to 15 % on four trees, reduce radial spread up to 2 to 4 metres over highway on three trees, pollard one Poplar, reduce up to 40% one Holm Oak tree, and to fell and replace one decayed Holm Oak tree.

The works are mostly for safety or precautionary reasons as many of the trees are in areas regularly accessed by school children. Some of the larger trees are to be contained in size and spread.

The 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 Kingston Buci Conservation 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.*

2 Proposed felling of the Holm Oak tree T56 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 replaced 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: 06/06/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/6/18