Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0322/09 **Recommendation – Permit Application**

Site: **17 The Driveway Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GG**

Proposal: **Lopping of low branch of sweet chestnut tree overhanging rear garden and cutting back of branches of holm oak adj. house (works to trees subject to TPO 162/1/70/SU)**

The Application

The application relates to two trees within group TPO 162/1/70/SU which are sited to the west of No. 17 The Driveway and to the east of Elm Close in Shoreham-By-Sea. Permission is sought to remove a low over hanging branch of a Sweet Chestnut Tree and to cut back a branch of a Holm Oak which is close to No. 17 The Driveway.

Consultations and Representations

Third Parties: - No third party representations have been received.

Jeremy Sergeant: - Both trees are in good condition with no signs of damage or decay. The works have been carried out as the overhanging Sweet Chestnut branch was dangerous and at risk of falling. The trees have retained their overall shape appearance and amenity.

Relevant Planning Polices and Guidance

Adopted Adur District Local Plan 1993-2006 (ADC 1996) (saved policies): AB23
Design Bulletin No.1 'Trees and Landscaping' (ADC 1996)
'Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice' (DETR 2000)

Planning Assessment

Policies

Local Plan policy AB23 states that Tree Preservation Orders will be made to safeguard existing trees in the District where their loss would have an adverse effect on the existing and future environment and its enjoyment by the public.

Trees

The works that have been carried out are minor and have no impact on the over all amenity value of the individual trees or their value as part of a group

TPO. The removal of the Sweet Chestnut branch was considered urgent as it was regarded as dangerous and at risk of falling.

Recommendation

APPROVE:-

Subject to: -

1. The following works are hereby approved: -
   T1 – Sweet Chestnut – Remove overhanging branch
   T2 – Holm Oak – Cut back branch close to 17 The Driveway

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