Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0318/09 **Recommendation – Permit Application**

Site: **Weppons Ravens Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**

Proposal: **10% crown thinning of beech tree and crown lifting of holly (works to trees subject to TPO 162/2/62/SU)**

The Application

The application relates to two TPO trees a Beech and a Holly which form part of a group TPO which comprises 12 trees, TPO 162/2/SU. The trees are within the grounds of Weppons a low rise flatted development on the east side of Ravens Road, within the built up area of Shoreham. Permission is sought to crown thin the Beech and crown lift the Holly.

Consultations and Representations

Third Parties: - 3 letters have been received from occupiers of the flats, Weppons. The letters state that there is no objection to the proposed works however it is considered that further reductions of the trees in this application is required as well as the works proposed.

Jeremy Sergeant: - It is recommended that the proposed works are permitted to crown lift the Holly by 2-3 metres to give symmetrical shape and to clear the highway and to crown thin the Beech by up to 10% and remove dead wood and rubbing branches were necessary.

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

It is considered that the trees are in good condition with no obvious signs of decay. They are important trees which have a high amenity value both individually and as part of a group. They are prominent within the street scene and surrounding area. It is recommended that the proposed works are permitted, this will reduce the dense crown of the Holly and improve the growth of the Beech.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Subject to: -

1. C1Cii
2. C11M
3. The following works are hereby approved: -
   T6 – Holly: - Crown lift up to 2-3 metres.
   T7 – Beech: - Crown thin by up to 10%.
   Reason: - In the interests of amenity and to comply with policy AB23 of the ADLP.

Case Office [redacted].....Date.....10/9/09.

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