Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/09/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/1269/19**
Address	**Kingsland House Kingsland Close Shoreham-by-Sea Worthing West Sussex BN43 6LT**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order reference 13.53/3/94/SU to re-pollard back to previous pollard points, to Poplars (G1).**

Date of site visit: 21/08/19

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a row of large mature Poplars located along the southern boundary wall. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard back to previous points all Poplar trees of group G1.

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

1977: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number of confirmed on 020/03/201904.

2011: Crown reduction and re-shaping of poplar trees on southern boundary (subject to TPO 13.53/3/94/SU)

Planning Assessment

The trees are part of a linear group growing along the southern boundary of the rear grounds. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are a group of 27 mature Poplars of varying height and size, being mostly between 18 and 20 metres tall. The trees are growing in a small fenced off border between the southern boundary wall and a lawn area adjacent to the main building. The mostly combined crown forms from near ground level and is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to re-pollard all trees of group G1, continuing the previous management regime, and to contain the size and spread of the trees.

These works in my opinion will be major in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect will be temporary and will not significantly or adversely affect their amenity value, or contribution to the character of the 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.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 27/09/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 27/9/19