Development Management – Delegated Officer Report Date; 13/01/2026

Application Number	**AWDM/1230/25**
Address	**Orchard Dene 22 Roman Crescent Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres Walnut tree T1. Reduce crown height up to 3 to 4 metres (50%) and associated works one Hazel T2 and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 0.5 metres and crown lift up to 2.5 metres, Pine T3 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 15/10/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three mature trees ; two large trees, a Walnut T1 and a Hazel T2, and one small mature Pine tree T3. The trees are a prominent part of the local landscape scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Walnut tree T1. Reduce crown height up and associated works Hazel T2 and to reduce crown height and radial spread and crown lift Pine tree T3.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The property is within The Southwick Conservation Area that was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The trees are on small and two large matures growing in the grounds to the southeast of the main building, encompassing the former roadway that linked Southwick Street to Roman Crescent. The trees are prominent to the immediate area, but have limited public views.

Walnut tree T1
This tree is located at the centre of the garden. The tree has a single stem that persists to 8 metres, where it divides into several stems. The first limbs emerge from 1.8 metres. The main crown is slightly sparse open and wide spread with some deadwood present.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and to allow more light and air to pass the crown.

Hazel T2
The Hazel tree is located to the east, close to the former roadway. The tree has a mass of slender stems from ground level, where it was previously treated as a coppice. The stems are tightly forked with some foliage becoming more dense as the stems become more separated from 3 to 3.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height up to 3 to 4 metres (50%) and associated work. ,

Pine T3
This tree, which is to the south of the grounds, has a small gnarled stem to 1 metre, where it divides into three stems which each divide again several times to the top. The tree is mature and healthy, there is some new growth to the top, although relatively small for its age. The main crown is dense and compact, with some dead and dying lower limbs.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 0.5 metres and crown lift up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, allow access beneath and reshape 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: 13/01/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 13/1/26