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# Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

**Application Number: ADC/0517/08** **Recommendation – Non-detrimental**

**Site:** **28 Church Street Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5DQ**

**Proposal:** **Crown reduction of silver birch tree by approx 3m (6 weeks prior notification of works to tree in Conservation Area)**

## The Application

A section 211 notice has been submitted giving six weeks prior notice of the intention to carry out works to a Silver Birch to the rear of 28 Church Street, Shoreham. The tree is adjacent to the rear boundary of the property with Middle Road. The works proposed include a crown reduction of 3 metres.

## Consultations and Representations

***Adur District Council:*** - The Parks Officer -Recommend works to be permitted – Silver Birch are often used for garden or street trees because they respond well to being reduced and they provide dappled shade. The large amount of Ivy allowed to cover this tree detracts from its main benefits.

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

***A.D.C.A.G:*** - No objection. Ask that Ivy be removed.

## Relevant Planning Policies 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 tree in question is sited adjacent to the rear boundary of no. 28 Church Street and is visible from Middle Street which is to the west of the site. The

tree is a Silver Birch approximately 5-6 metres tall and is very overgrown with Ivy. There are other trees visible within the surrounding area which contribute to the character and amenity of the locality. Jeremy Sergeant has viewed the tree and recommends that the work should be permitted with the ivy removed and a crown reduce by up to 40%.

## Recommendation

Do not issue TPO.

Case Officer..N Baker.....Date...19/11/08

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