Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0736/23**
Address	**36 Downsway Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres one Liquidambar tree T17.**

Date of site visit: 01/06/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Liquidambar tree in the open plan section of the garden to the west of 36 Downsway Shoreham-by-Sea. The tree is part of an established group of trees, which are part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2000: Adur Tree Preservation order TPO/13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 confirmed on 21/11/2000.

2003: 30% Crown Thinning & Crown Lifting To 5m of Acer Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/00/Su)

2008: Reduction, re-shaping and other works to 2 silver maple trees (subject to TPO 13.53/2/00/SU)

2011: Works to 2 liquidambar trees subject to TPO 13.53/2/00/SU

2015: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order TPO/13.53/2/00 (SU) of 2000 to reduce height and spread by up to 2.5 -3 metres / to previous pruning points, on two Acer trees T17 and T18.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 to reduce height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres on two Liquid Amber trees T17 & T18

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 to reduce back to previous pruning points, reduce height and radial growth by 2-3m of T1 and T2 Liquid Amber.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Liquidambar tree growing in the open plan section of the rear garden of 36 Downsway, on a sloped grass area between the public pavement and the rear garden boundary wall, adjacent to the junction of Downsway and New Timber Gardens. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Liquid Amber T17 is a large mature tree, with twin stems from ground level. The tree was historically pollarded at 5 metres, where the substantial main stems of the crown emerge. These stems have been more recently reduced at 10 metres, with multiple re-growth of small secondary stems extending by up to 2 to 3 metres. There is some large epicormic and basal growth on the main stem. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, back to the previous points. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and to continue with the previous management of the tree.

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 area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. 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: 07/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 7/7/23