Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/11/14**

Application Number	**AWDM/1375/14**
Site Address:	**2 Swanbourne Close Lancing BN15 OQH**
Proposal:	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 to initiate pollard point at 9 metres, and carry out associated works to one Copper Beech tree T1**

Date of site visit: 20/11/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Beech tree in the rear garden of the property.

Consent is sought to reduce height and spread by pollarding.

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

Consultations: Consultation letter sent to Lancing Parish Council no reply given.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 confirmed on 22/03/2006.

Planning Assessment

The tree is small immature Copper Beech growing sized trees growing in the rear garden of the property, and partially visible from the road. The tree does make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area

The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres, where it divides into two main stems and several smaller secondary stems. The main crown is mostly upright and densely foliated with numerous small secondary shoots. The tree is growing strongly, but is developing some included bark between the main two stems.

The proposed works are to initiate a pollard to the tree, and carry out all associated works. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree. The re-pollarding of the tree would be detrimental to the tree and to its contribution to the character of the area, however it is accepted that some reduction in height and spread would be appropriate.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works to the Beech tree T1, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i reduction in crown height of up to 3 metres.
   ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 2 metres.

   only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA, 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: 26/11/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 28.11.14