Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/01/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1284/24**
Address	**27 Brunswick Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5WA**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 0.5 metres one Portuguese Laurel tree T2 and to fell and replace one Bay tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 16/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two small to medium evergreen trees in the rear garden Road. The trees are part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread one Portuguese Laurel tree T2 and to fell and replace one Bay tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: The Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area was originally designated in May 1971 covering an area encompassing the shopping areas of High Street, East Street and Brunswick Road; the areas surrounding St Mary's Church; and the adjoining residential areas.

2010: Fell Sycamore and Laburnum and crown reduce Willow by 30% in rear garden (6 weeks prior notice of works to trees in a Conservation Area)

Planning Assessment

The trees are two small mature evergreens growing in the rear garden: a Bay adjacent to the main building in the Northeast corner, and a slightly smaller Portuguese Laurel near the centre of the Southern boundary wall. The trees are not visible from any public area and make only a limited contribution to the Shoreham Conservation Area.

The trees are:

Bay tree T1
This tree is located close to the building in the Northeast corner of the rear garden. The tree has two main stems from ground level, each dividing into several small stems and laterals from 2.25 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the Bay tree T1, due to its proximity to the building. Although the tree could possibly be retained, due to its species and low importance to the area a Tree Preservation Order would not be considered, therefore consent is recommended.

Portuguese Laurel tree T2
The Portuguese Laurel tree T2 is a slightly smaller tree growing close to the centre of the Southern boundary wall of the rear garden. The tree has a single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into several large stems, with an additional secondary stem that emerges at 1 metre on the eastside and achieves an equal height in the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread in a distinct “ball shape”

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 0.5 metres, to maintain the size and shape of the crown.

The works to the Portuguese Laurel T2, 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 Shoreham Conservation Area.

The works to the Bay tree T1 will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and an amount of change will take place. However the Conservation Area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date:06/01/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/1/25