Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/04/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0201/23**
Address	**24 Church Lane Southwick West Sussex BN42 4GB**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Prunus tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 06/03/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Prunus tree located near the centre of the Southern boundary wall of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ADCAG - Adur District Conservation Advisory Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: Southwick Conservation Area was designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas: Manor House, The Green and Church Lane.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Cherry growing in the front rear garden adjacent to the pavement of Church Lane. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has twin stems from 0.5 metres above ground level, the East stem divides into two from 1.2 metres, with the west stem angled outward and that mostly persists. The first laterals emerge from 1 metre. The main crown is dense with many Water Shoots and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around 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: 14/04/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 18/4/23