Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/07/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0899/15**
Address	**Gate House 1 Southlands Way Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6AS**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53-2-93 (SU) of 1993 to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, and reduce crown height by up to 2-3 metres on one Monterey Cypress tree T8.**

Date of site visit: 01/07/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single large Monterey Cypress tree that has been fenced into the rear garden of 1 Southlands Way, following the development of the former Hospital Site. The tree is a part of an established number of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and reduce crown height.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Adur District Council Tree Preservation order 13.53-2-93 (SU) of 1993 confirmed on 22/12/1993.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature tree located in the rear garden of 1 Southlands Way Shoreham-by-Sea. The tree is tall and highly prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is multi-stemmed to 6 metres where the substantial main stems each divide into several more slender upright stems. The main crown develops high with foliage emerging at 9 to 10 metres. The crown is dense and fairly wide spread, with live green foliage deep into the crown. The tree has received minimal attention over the last decade and has several dead and hanging limbs within the main crown.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1-2 metres and reduce crown height by up to 2 – 3 metres. The works are to re-shape and contain the size and spread of the tree. The reduction

in radial spread appears to be acceptable; however the reduction in crown height should be restricted to up to 2 metres rather than 3 metres.

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

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i Reduction in radial spread up to 1-2 metres.
   ii Reduction in crown height of up to 1-2 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: 16/07/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 17.7.15