Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/12/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1588/17**
Address	**40 Lesser Foxholes Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5NT**
Proposal	**Application under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/1/98/SU to reduce in height and radial growth by 1-2m Acacia (Locust) in front garden (T10).**

Date of site visit: 07/11/17

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium mature in the southeast corner of the front garden, adjacent to the entrance driveway from Lesser Foxholes. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce the tree in height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order 13.53/1/98/SU of 1998 made 23/03/1998.

2008: 30% crown reduction of locust tree (subject to TPO 13.53/9/01/SU)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a mature Locust tree growing in a small border to the south of the front garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has twin stems to 2 to 2.5 metres where they then both begin to divide. The re-growths are slender stems angle outwards, away from the main boles, making a slightly unbalanced crown. The main crown is dense with some wider spread slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres. These works are to contain the size and spread 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

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. 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: 14/12/2017

Authorised by: PB Date: 14/12/17