Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/01/13**

Application Number **AWDM/1511/13**

Site Address: **27 Middle Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5DP**

Proposal: **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce radial spread by up 3 metres and crown reduce height by up to 2.5 metres on one Copper Beech tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 06/01/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one medium mature Beech tree in the rear garden of the property. The tree is only partially visible from the public highway.

Consent is sought to reduce the height by up to 2.5 metres, and crown reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres.

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

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: The Shoreham Conservation Area was designated in May 1971.

2009: Crown reduction of Field Maple and reduction (by 40%) of Leylandii to give appearance of hedge (6 weeks prior notification of works to trees in Conservation Area). Permitted.

2012: Section 211 notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell Maple and Leylandii in rear garden of 27, Middle Street (6 weeks prior notification of tree works in a Conservation Area). Permitted.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized tree growing in centre of the rear garden. It is around 8 – 9 metres tall with a spread of 6 -7 metres. The crown is feathered consisting of mainly small secondary branches, where it may have been reduce before or damaged.

Consent is sought to reduce both the croon width and height to contain the size of the tree and re-shape its 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 the trees appearance, or amenity value or the character of the Shoreham Conservation Area..

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application, 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: 15/01/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 29.1.14