Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 24/05/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0539/23**
Address	**Rosecroft The Street Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5NJ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 to 3.5 metres one Beech tree T1 in the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 04/05/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Beech tree located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

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

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1975: The Old Shoreham Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974 by the Adur District Council on the 17th November 1975 - Old Shoreham (area centred around St. Nicholas Church and including certain houses and their grounds adjoining parts of the Street, Adur Avenue, St. Nicholas Lane, Steyning Road, Upper Shoreham Road, Connaught Avenue and Old Shoreham Road, Shoreham-By-Sea). Amendment to Old Shoreham Conservation Area passed by Adur District Council 14th September 1993 - registered 23rd November 1993.

Planning Assessment

The Beech T1 is a small large mature Beech growing in the rear garden adjacent to the unadopted footpath that links The Street to Steyning Road and Mill Hill. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views, particularly from outside of the residential area.

The tree has a single stem to 3 metres where it divides into two, both stems divide again from 3.5 to 4 metres. The third level stems are upright, slender and mostly persist to the top. The first significant sized limbs that emerge from 5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 to 3.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow clearance to the adjacent footpath.

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, Not subject to Conditions:
Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 26/05/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 26/5/23