Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 21/11/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1153/24**
Address	**9 Grantsmead Lancing West Sussex BN15 0PG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/84(L) of 1984 to reduce crown height and radial spread by 0.5 to 1 metre, and crown thin by up to 15% on Hawthorn Tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 16/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Hawthorn tree in the front garden of 9 Grantsmead adjacent to the garage and driveway, to the north of the property. The tree is part of an established number of trees, which are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

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

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1984: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/84(L) of 1984 confirmed on 28/04/84.

1986: Pruning And Shaping Of Cedar Tree (T5) And Hawthorn (T4) Subject To Tree Preservation Order 162/1/84(L)

1996: Shaping And Tidying Of Hawthorn Tree (Subject To Tpo 162/1/84/L)

2002: Shaping & Tidying Of Hawthorn Tree (T5) And Fir Tree (T6) Subject To Tpo 162/1/84(L)

2012: Crown lift Hawthorn to 3-3.5m (works to a tree subject to tree preservation order 162/1/84/L)

2015: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/84(L) of 1984 to reduce radial spread by 0.5 to 1 metre, reduce height by up to 1 metre and crown thin by up to 15% on Hawthorn Tree T4

2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/84(L) of 1984 to reduce radial spread by 0.5 to 1 metre, reduce height by up to 1 metre and crown thin by up to 15% on Hawthorn Tree T4

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/84(L) of 1984 to fell and replace one Hawthorn tree T4. REFUSED.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Hawthorn growing in the narrow strip of hard surfaced land that forms the long driveway to the garage of 9 Grantsmead. The tree is one of several protected trees that the development was built around in the early 1980s, which collectively are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres where it then divides into several tightly forked upright stems, that each divide again from 3.5 to 4 metres into a mass of smaller uprights and laterals which form a dense wide array. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by 0.5 to 1 metre, and crown thin by up to 15%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through 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 area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. 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:21/11/2024

Authorised by: Stephen Cantwell Date:21/11/2024