Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 30/01/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1737/16**
Address	**36 Buckingham Road Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5UB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/00 (SU) of 2000 to initiate pollard at 7 metres from highest points and associated works to one Weeping Willow tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 01/09/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Weeping Willow tree growing in the northeast corner of the rear garden of 36 Buckingham Road, adjacent to the low rise building of 40 The Martlets, and the unpaved side of the Martlets. The tree is are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to Pollard the tree at a height of 7 metres, a reduction of around 50%.

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

2001: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/4/00(SU) of 2000 confirmed on 21/08/01.

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/00 (SU) of 2000 to fell and replace one Weeping Willow tree T2. Refused.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large early mature growing in the northeast corner of the rear garden, close to the junction of Nicolson Drive and The Martlets.

The tree is single stemmed to 1 metre, where it then divides into 3 main stems. The west stem divides into 2 at 4 metres, the central stems divides at 3.75 metres and the east stem at 3.5. The main stem to the east is angled southward correcting in the upper limbs to a more upright form. The crown is high and mostly clear of surrounding buildings and areas. The higher limbs are wide spreading and have some scope for possible reduction works.

The proposed works are to initiate pollards to each main stem at 7 metres. The works are to contain the overall size and spread of the tree, and to allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall size and form of the tree and a significant amount of reduction will take place. However the affect on the trees appearance will not be detrimental as the result will be to improve its amenity value and 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: 30/01/2017

Authorised by: PD Date: 30.1.17