Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/02/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/1809/18**
Address	**47 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 5.5 metres one Holm tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 18/01/19

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single mature Holm Oak, growing adjacent to the pavement of Southwick Street. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift the tree up to 5.5 metres.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from nearby neighbours that is in support of the proposed works.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

2015: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, and to crown lift up to 4 metres two Holm Oak trees in the Southwick Conservation Area.

2017: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 4 metres one Holm Oak T4, Crown lift up to 4 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, one Holm Oak T5, and to fell four trees: Holm Oak T3, Oak T6, and Leylandii T1 and T2, in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature located to the north of the vehicular access from Southwick Street, on the eastern boundary of the front garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Holm Oak tree referred to as T4 is single stemmed to 1 metre, then twin, with each stem dividing into multiple stems from 2 to 3 metres, and a distinct division between the two clusters of secondary

stems to the east and west. The main crowns are formed of large arrays of slender stems, with some wider spreading and low hanging limbs.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5.5 metres. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access beneath 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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 08/02/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 8/2/19