Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/11/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/1446/15**
Address	**King Charles Cottage 69 The Green Southwick BN42 4FX**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 2 metres on one Beech tree and one Contorted Willow tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 22/10/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two trees in the rear garden of 69 The Green. The trees are not visible from the road or the adjacent public open space and therefore make a very limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce both trees in height and radial spread.

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

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

Planning Assessment

The trees are small early matures growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with 67 The Green. The Beech tree is a small mature which has a single stem to 2.25 metres, where it becomes twin stemmed. Each stem has been previously lopped at 4 metres, resulting in multiple small mostly upright stems from this point. The crown is dense with an even lateral spread and a slightly flat top to the crown.

The Contorted Willow tree is growing within 2 metres of the Beech and is a generally more compact slightly taller tree. The Willow tree is single stemmed to 2 metres where it has been formatively pruned, and has its main crown break. Although most stems are upright there is a slight over balance to the south.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and reduce the radial spread of the crowns by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees, in keeping with the limited space of the rear garden.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size and form of the trees and due to their low visibility would not affect the Southwick 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: 06/11/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 6.11.15