Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 24/06/14**

Application Number **AWDM/0604/14**

Site Address: **14 Oakland Court Buckingham Road Shoreham-by-Sea**

Proposal: **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/85 (SU) to re- pollard to original points one Willow tree T3**

Date of site visit: 10/06/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Willow tree growing along the south border, in the rear section of the grounds of Oakland Court Buckingham Road Shoreham-by-Sea.

Consent is sought to re-pollard to original pollard points, reducing the width by up to 1.5 metres and reducing height by 1.5 metres, and up to 4 metres on the longest stems.

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

1985: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/85 (SU) confirmed on 28/01/85.

1991: Removal of crown of Willow tree (subject to TPO 162/1/85 (SU)

2001: Crown lifting/thinning of Sycamore at front & crown lifting of Willow on south side (subject to TPO162/1/85/SU)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized tree growing along the borders of Oakland Court, The Shoreham Free in Gordon Road and 1 Gordon Road. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from Gordon Road Bucking ham Road and Rosslyn Road

The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres, were it divides into three. At 4 metres the three main stems have their crown break. The tree has some cavities in the main stems, all of which have calloused over, also there are some distorted and rubbing limbs.

The tree has numerous heavy re-growths emerging from a relatively slender stem / frame work. This has resulted in a slightly top heavy tree that will need some reduction to retain its balance. The tree is also slightly a-symmetrical to the north side.

The proposed works are to reduce the large top spires and side stems back to the original pollard points to contain the size of the tree and rebalance 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

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: 24/06/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 24.6.14