Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/02/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0069/15**
Address	**Verge at Junction of Lesser Fox Holes The Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5NT**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to re-pollard to original points and associated works to one Ash tree in the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 22/01/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one Ash tree growing on the grass verge to the north side of the junction of Lesser Foxholes and the Street, adjacent to number 2 Lesser Foxholes Shoreham-by-Sea.

The tree is are part of an established number of trees, which make up the Sylvan character of this part of old Shoreham. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard the tree back to the previous pollard / reduction points.

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; None

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large early mature Ash that is in a prominent position between the residential roads of The Street and Lesser Foxholes, approximately three quarters of the way up the steep incline of The Street.

The tree is single stemmed to 7 metres with a large lateral limb at around 5 metres. The main crown consists of several large diameter stems with numerous secondary branches which create a dense high crown. The crown is slightly a-symmetrical toward its eastern side. The previous management regime has been to pollard the tree to points at between 6 and 8 metres above ground level.

The proposed works are to continue previous works. This will establish a high pollard and maintain the form shape and size of the tree.

These works in my opinion, although dramatically altering the trees current appearance, are necessary to maintain the trees long term presence, amenity value, and its contribution to the character of the Old Shoreham 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: 19/02/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 19/02/2015