# Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

**Application Number: AWDM/1074/22 Recommendation – Approve**

**Site:** **Old Shoreham Bridge, Old Shoreham Road, Shoreham-By-Sea**

**Proposal:** **Application for listed building consent to replace rotten soft wood planks**

**Date of site visit: 27 June 2022**

**Neighbours checked: Y**

**Additional neighbour notifications: N**

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application relates to the Grade II* Listed timber footbridge across the River Adur in Shoreham. Consent was granted in 2020 to install anti-slip metal strips into the grooves of the planks on the bridge as a safety feature as the bridge can get slippery when wet. This work has been completed but it was evident in places that the planks had become rotten and there was a need to in-fill some of the gaps/holes.

The application is proposing to repair the timber as follows:

"Preparation (all areas)
All rotten soft wood to be cut out and removed to sound wood.
Exposed repair surface to be treated with Ronseal High Performance Wet Rot Wood Hardener as per manufacturer instructions and allowed to sufficiently cure.

Fixing
If any of the fixing points were disturbed, sound timber board must be fixed at the nearest hard point following sealing, prior to application of any resin or filler.

Lost section repairs
Where timber section has been completely lost, thin plywood must be used to shutter the area and prevent the resin from escaping.
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Horizontal repairs
Where excessive loss of top section has occurred, Abatron WoodEpox Epoxy Wood Replacement Compound to be used as filler to restore original thickness.
Following curing of the resin, grooves to be cut out to match the original pattern and fix the anti-slip resistant strips."

**Relevant Planning History**

AWDM/0740/20 - Listed Building Consent for installation of non-slip metal strips into grooves of planks on bridge.

**Consultations**

**Adur and Worthing Councils: The Design and Conservation Officer** comments that the application proposes different types of resin repairs for different locations on the bridge. As a short term solution to localised areas of rot, he does not object to the approach designed by WSCC.

**Historic England:** Historic England provides advice when our engagement can add most value. In this case we are not offering advice. This should not be interpreted as comment on the merits of the application.

**ADCAG**: Approve

**Representations**

None received

**Relevant Planning Policies**

Adur Local Plan 2017 Policy 15, 17
National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019)

**Planning Assessment**

**Impact on listed building**

The works are clearly necessary for public safety reasons and for the upkeep of this historic bridge. It appears that the extent of the repair works has been limited to that which is necessary only.

It is considered that the application can be supported.

**Recommendation**

**APPROVE**

**Subject to Conditions:-**

1. Approved Plans
2. Standard 3 year time limit for LB

**Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N**

Case Officer: Peter Barnett Date: 29 July 2022

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 4 August 2022