Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 02/09/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1148/20**
Address	**48 The Green Southwick West Sussex BN42 4FR**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, reduce crown height by up to 1.3 metres and crown thin 20% one Crab Apple tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 31/07/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small early mature Crab Apple tree located near the centre of the northern boundary wall adjacent to Southdown Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height crown lift, and crown thin the tree.

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 property is within The Southwick Conservation Area that was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature growing in the front garden adjacent to its northern boundary, close to the junction of The Green and Southdown Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level with each of the small stems dividing several times toward the previous reduction point at 4 metres. At 4 metres the stems are smaller and in greater numbers forming a dense upper layer to the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.3 metres crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and crown thin y up to 20%. The works are to contain the size of the tree crown, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through 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: 02/09/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 2/9/20