Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/03/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0162/15**
Address	**Sussex County Croquet Club Victoria Road Southwick BN42 4DJ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce by up to 2 metres to previous pruning points two Lime trees in the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 05/03/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two Lime trees in the east side of grounds of the Sussex County Croquet Club. The trees are part of a line of large tall trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown thin and reduce radial spread of both trees.

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 trees are two tall high crowned mature trees that form part of a line along the eastern boundary of the Sussex Croquet Club grounds. The two lime trees are the closest to the Club house and are adjacent to the rear gardens of 61 and 63 Victoria Road Southwick.

The trees are;

<u>Lime T1 (south)</u>
This is a single stemmed tree to 5 -6 metres where the stem divides into several large diameter stems which break into multiple stems at 7-8 metres. The main crown is high and wide spread with lateral secondary limbs spreading further. There are also some lower hanging secondary branches to the outer edges of the crown.

Lime T2 (North)
T2 is a slightly younger smaller tree with a single stem to 4 metres where it then becomes twin stemmed. The two stems develop the crown at 8 metres which is dense and has some longer low hanging limbs to southeast side. The main crown is slightly A-symmetrical, being wider and denser to the southeast side.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, and crown thin by up to 10%. The works are to maintain the size and form of the trees, allow more light into the gardens of properties in Victoria Road, and avoid any possible failures due to over extended limbs.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value or their contribution to the character of the Kingston Buci 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: 19/03/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 23.3.15