Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/04/16**

Application Number	**AWDM/0322/16**
Address	**9a Mill Lane Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5AG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/94(SU) of 1994 to crown lift up to 5 metres, and crown thin up to 20% one Sycamore tree T18.**

Date of site visit: 15/03/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single tree on the northern boundary of the rear garden adjacent to Mill Lane. The tree is a part of a number of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift up to 5 metres, and to crown thin by up to 20%.

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

1971: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. ***this charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

1985: Grade II Listed Buildings registered 14th June 1985 - No. 9A (Corner Cottage), Mill Lane (South Side), Shoreham & No. 44 (Crispins) No. 46 (Trinity College), Southdown Road, Old Shoreham (east side), SHOREHAM. date of certification of list by or on behalf of the Minister 6th August 1984.

1994: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/4/94(SU) of 1994 confirmed on 04/01/95.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized mature growing in the rear garden of the property adjacent to Mill Lane.

The tree is single stemmed to 3 metres, where it then divides into 3 to 4 main stems, which divide again at 3.5 to 4 metres. The lower stems angle outwards, forming a wide array with some lower hanging secondary branches. The main crown is moderately dense, and wide spread, with a heavy incursion of Ivy.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5 metres, and to crown thin by up to 20%. The works are to clear the adjacent highway and foot path and to allow more light underneath and 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 Shoreham Conservation Area.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall size and form of the tree and a significant amount of reduction will take place. However the affect on the trees appearance will not be detrimental as the result will be to improve its amenity value and its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent,

Reason: *in the interest of visual amenity*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 27/04/2016

Authorised by: PD Date: 27.4.16