Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 17/11/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/1447/15**
Address	**8 Tarmount Lane Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6DA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/09(SU) of 2009 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, to one Cherry tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 27/10/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Cherry tree in the front garden of the mixed use building (A1 shop, A3 cafe, B1 offices and therapy), of 8 Tarmount Lane. The tree is an established feature, which is part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: Consultation letters sent to Southern Water Developer Services, who responded that they have no objections.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: The Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area was originally designated in May 1971 covering an area encompassing the shopping areas of High Street, East Street and Brunswick Road; the areas surrounding St Mary's Church; and the adjoining residential areas.

2009: Adur Tree Preservation order 13.53/02/09(SU) of 2009 confirmed on 14/04/10.

2009: Felling of Cherry tree at front (6 weeks prior notice of works to tree in Conservation Area) Application Refused

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature growing in the front garden, adjacent to a low brick built wall, which has been partially dislodged. The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres, where it then divides into two stems that each divide again at 3.5 metres. The crown is dense and wide spread, touching the building to its southern side. The proposed works are to reduce the radial spread of the crown and the crown height by 1 to 2 metres. This is to abate nuisance to the building, and to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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, or amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the 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: 19/11/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 19/11/2015