Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 012/08/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/10935/18**
Address	**7 Southdown Road Southwick West Sussex BN42 4FT**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 2.5m and shorten one branch growing on west side of one Walnut tree (T1) and to fell two Eucalyptus trees (T2 & T3) in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 24/07/18

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one large Walnut tree and two smaller Eucalyptus in the northeast corner of the rear garden. The trees are of varying prominence and contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift and reduce selected lower limbs on the Walnut tree, and to fell the two Eucalyptus.

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 Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two small immature Eucalyptus growing along the northern boundary of the rear garden, and one larger mature Walnut tree on the eastern side, adjacent to the entrance roadway to number 7a Southdown Road. The Walnut is prominent, contributes to the character of the area and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Walnut T1</u>
This tree has a large diameter single stem to 6 metres that then divides into 3 to 4 large secondary stems that lean westward. The main crown is dense wide spread, slightly a-symmetrical to the west and has some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and reduce one selected limb on the west side, growing toward the main building. The*se* works are to allow access beneath the crown, and to abate possible future nuisance.

Eucalyptus T2
The tree has a slender single stem to 2 metres, where the dense compact crown breaks. This is a small young tree located away from the main public area of Southdown Road.

Eucalyptus T3
The second tree Eucalyptus is slightly to the east of T2, closer to the northeast corner of the rear garden. This tree also has a slender single stem to 2 metres where the crown begins to break. The crown is dense and slightly wider spread than T2.

The proposed works for both trees are to fell to ground level. The trees are not easily seen from the road and both make a minimal contribution the Southwick Conservation Area.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, amenity value, or 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: 03/09/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 3/9/18