Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0800/23**
Address	**Tetherdown The Street Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5NJ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, and crown thin 15% one Beech tree T1 in the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 28/06/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small early mature Beech tree located near the northwest corner of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the local area and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of The Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height, reduce radial spread, and crown thin.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1975: The Old Shoreham Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974 by the Adur District Council on the 17th November 1975 - Old Shoreham (area centred around St. Nicholas Church and including certain houses and their grounds adjoining parts of the Street, Adur Avenue, St. Nicholas Lane, Steyning Road, Upper Shoreham Road, Connaught Avenue and Old Shoreham Road, Shoreham-By-Sea). Amendment to Old Shoreham Conservation Area passed by Adur District Council 14th September 1993 - registered 23rd November 1993.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature growing in the rear garden close to the boundary between Tetherdown The Street and 10 Lesser Foxholes, the applicants. The tree is part of the local landscape, with limited public views.

The tree has several stems from ground level that are obscured by Ivy and climbing plants up to 4 metres. The tree's foliage becomes visible from 4 metres, with larger more extended laterals emerging from 5 to 6 metres. The upper crown is slightly overbalanced to the northwest. The main crown is dense and mostly compact with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, and crown thin 15%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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 Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 14/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 14/7/23