Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 30/06/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0821/21**
Address	**305 Upper Shoreham Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5QA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/11/SU to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2-3 metres crown lift to 4 metres and crown thin by up to 10% one Beech T1.**

Date of site visit: 29/06/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Beech located near the centre of the western boundary of the front garden, adjacent to the pavement of Southdown Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

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

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2011: Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/11/SU of 2011 confirmed on 23/05/2011.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the front garden close to the junction of Upper Shoreham Road and Southdown Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Beech tree T1 has large a diameter straight single stem that persists to 9 metres, where it then divides into several, with two main large upright stems. The two larger stems extend a further 5 metres, to 14 metres before also dividing. The first significant laterals emerge as a cluster from 5 metres on the Southside. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2-3 metres, crown lift to 4 metres and crown thin by up to 10%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, allow access beneath 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 the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority 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: 30/06/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 30/6/21