

Application Number **AWDM/0503/26**

Address **Foxdens 55D Kingston Lane Southwick West Sussex BN42 4SP**

Proposal **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162-3-82(SW) of 1982 to crown lift up to 6 metres over highway one Holm Oak T32.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Holm Oak located in the Southwest corner near the flint built retaining wall. The tree is part of a number of trees that are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift over highway one Holm Oak T32.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

1982: Adur Tree Preservation order Number Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162-3-82(SW) of 1982 made.

1982: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 162-1-82(SW) of 1982 made.

1996: Crown reduction (by 20%) of 2 Lime trees and crown reduction (by 25%) & removal of large limb of Ash (TPO 162/1/82/SW)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large tall mature Holm oak growing in the front garden adjacent to the junction of Kingston Lane and Church Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a leaning compound stem that persists to 10 metres with some stems separating from 3 metres. The lower stem over-arch and support the lowest hanging tertiary branches. The main crown is dense and wider spread to the south, with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 6 metres over the highway. The works have been requested by West Sussex County Council, to allow standard clearance to the carriageway,

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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. 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: 17/06/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 17 June 2026