Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/07/13**

Application Number	**AWDM/0704/13** **Approve**
Site Address;	**Rectory House West Street Sompting**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/5/76 to Crown lift up to 5 metres two Oak trees T4 and T5, and to remove selected secondary branch from one Oak tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 28/06/13

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three Oak trees within the grounds of Rectory House West Street Sompting. The trees are in along the Western boundary, and are adjacent to two dwellings: The Barn, which is in Dankton Lane and Elm Lodge in West Street.

Consent is sought to crown lift by up to 5 metres trees T4 and T5, and to remove secondary branches from tree T3.

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: Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/5/76 of 1976 confirmed.

2012: Crown lift to 6m above driveway 2x Oak T3 and T4, permitted.

Planning Assessment

The trees are mature large trees growing within the grounds of Rectory House West Street Sompting. All three trees are fully visible from the surrounding roads and part of a prominent group of trees. The size and height of the trees are emphasised by the low rise buildings of Elm Lodge and the Barn, for which they also make an interesting backdrop.

The extent of the proposed works will enhance the appearance of the trees, giving them a more formal shape.

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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: 10/07/2013

Authorised by: PD Date: 17.7.13