Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 18/03/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0195/21**
Address	**10 Roman Crescent Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by 1 - 2m of one Silver Birch (T1), to reduce crown height by 2m of one Conifer (T2) and fell and replace one Apple tree, all within the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 17/03/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three small early mature trees, one Silver Birch located in the centre of the front garden between the crossovers from Roman Road, and a Leylandii and Apple tree on the southern boundary of the rear garden. The trees are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread by 1 - 2m of one Silver Birch (T1), to reduce crown height by 2m of one Conifer (T2) and fell and replace one Apple tree

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The property is within The Southwick Conservation Area that was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The trees are small immatures growing in the front and rear gardens. The Silver Birch is the most prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Silver Birch</u>
This tree has a small diameter single stem that persists to 2.5 metres, with the first laterals emerging at 2 metres, and secondary and scaffold stems emerging from 2.25 metres that support the relatively small crown. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, the works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

Leylandii
The Leylandii is a small tree that has previously been cut as a hedge slightly above the fence level The proposed works are to reduce crown height by 2 metres, continuing the previous management regime of one Conifer (T2) and fell and replace one Apple tree

Apple
This had already been removed, and from what remained was also a small tree. The proposed works are to fell and replace, which will still be done.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and an amount of change will take place. However the affect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 18/03/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 18/3/21