Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 11/02/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/0035/19**
Address	**Swiss Cottage Old Shoreham Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5TD**
Proposal	**Application under Shoreham Tree Preservation Order No 162/6/72/SU to reduce height and lateral spread by 5m all round; crown lift to 5.5m of Poplar tree T8.**

Date of site visit: 15/01/19

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 Poplar located near the northern corner of the customer car park, east of the vehicular entrances. 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 height and radial spread and to crown lift the tree.

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

1972: Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council Tree Preservation order Number 162/6/72(SU) of 1972 made.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the rear grounds, between the Beer Garden, and the Car Park of the Swiss Cottage Public House, adjacent to the pavement and carriage way of Freehold Street. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Poplar tree T8 has two stems from ground level: a large diameter main stem that persists to 3 metres, and a smaller secondary stem to the southeast, that angles outward and persists to an equal height of the main crown. The central stem extends to 3 metres where it then divides into three, two large upright stems, and a large lateral. The lower sections of the tree have an incursion of thick Ivy that prevents a close inspection of the main stems. The main crown is dense and wide spread with many overextended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce the crown height and radial spread by up to 5 metres, and crown lift up to 5.5 metres. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access beneath the crown.

These works in my opinion would be in keeping with 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: 11/02/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 11/2/19