Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 31/03/22**

Application Number	**AWDM/0168/22**
Address	**55 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to re-pollard to previous points one Ash tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 17/02/22

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 Ash in the front garden adjacent to Southwick Street, that is an established part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard to previous points one Ash 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

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

2015: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres one Ash tree T1, and to fell one Sycamore tree T2 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

2016: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Holly tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Ash growing in the Northeast corner of the front garden of 55 Southwick Street adjacent to the public footpath and carriageway. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a stout single stem to 3 metres, which divides into several large stems that have been repeatedly pollarded at 5 to 6 metres. The tree is in reasonable health although there are several

areas of decay and the weight on the main stems may become an issue over the next four to five years.

The proposed works are to re-pollard to the original points, which will reduce the overall height of the tree by up to 3 to 4 metres. This will have a significant effect on the appearance of the tree, but is considered necessary to retain and extend its life expectancy.

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

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date:31/03/2022

Authorised by: PB Date: 31/3/22