Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/07/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0640/25**
Address	**71 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TL**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Norway Maple tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 10/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small early mature dark leaved Norway Maple located near the Northeast corner of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to 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.

2023: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Cherry tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

2024: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, one Norway Maple tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small Norway Maple growing in the rear garden close to the Northern boundary adjacent to the side garden of 73 Southwick Street. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from public pavement.

The tree has a single stem to 1.2 metres, where it then divides into two stems that each persist to 2 metres. The broadly ball shaped crown develops from 2 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to encroachment into the boundary wall. Although the wall could be repaired, and appears to have been built with only a single row of brick,

the tree does not provide a level of amenity to the area that would justify a Tree Preservation Order. Therefore consent is recommended.

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 effect on the Conservation 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: 04/07/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 4/7/25