Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 20/08/14**

Application Number	**AWDM/0935/14**
Site Address:	**Anchorage The Street Shoreham BN43 5NJ**
Proposal:	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove one large limb on the south side of crown and crown thin by up to 10% one Sycamore in the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 31/07/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one Sycamore tree that is part of a group of tall slender trees to the Northeast of the rear garden of the property. The tree is part of an established group of trees, which are prominent in the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift the tree by removing or substantially reducing the lowest limb on the south side of the tree, and to crown thin by up to 10%.

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

None.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized trees growing in the rear garden of the property. It is part of a group of tall Sycamore tres that can be seen from many views around The Street Shoreham.

The tree is around 14 metres tall with a straight slender, single stem through out. The lower limb on the south side of the tree creates a slightly a-symmetrical crown.

The proposed works are to remove or reduce the lower limb to create a taller crown, and a more balanced form to the tree. This work is inline with works carried out to other trees in the group which are to the North in the neighbouring property of Southern Cross.

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, or amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.

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: 20/08/14

Authorised by: PD Date: 22.8.14