Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date: 30/10/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/1428/19**
Address	**37 New Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 6RB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/6/01 (SU) of 2001 to crown lift to 5 metres by removing first ring of branches to main stem of Macrocarpa T1.**

Date of site visit: 18/09/19

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application relates to a large Macrocarpa tree growing in the rear garden of the terraced house of 37 New Road. The tree is screened from New Road by the adjacent houses, but is visible from the car park to the north which serves the Co-operative supermarket on Ham Road.

Consent is sought to crown lift up to 5 metres from ground level.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to Adur Conservation Area Advice Group, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. ***this charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/6/01(SU) of 2001 confirmed on 31/01/2002.

2012: Crown lift to 6 metres from ground level Macrocarpa in rear garden subject to TPO 13.53/8/97/SU

Planning Assessment

The tree is seen from the car park of the Co-operative and in distant views from Ham Road to the North. It provides a natural back drop to the rear of the car park and its amenity value is in its overall crown spread and height, which is apparent from this public area and from the Public Car Park of Tarmount Road to the West.

The lower crown is particularly dense with low hanging branches which extend over each of the neighbouring gardens. The crown lift would result in the loss of these lower branches and a significant

amount of the weight of the lower tree would be removed. The garden area, of the site property and to a lesser degree those to either side would be greatly improved.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5 metres, repeating works previously carried out. These works are to allow access and allow more light and air beneath the crown. The overall appearance of the tree in long distance views would not be affected.

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 Shoreham Conservation 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: 31/10/2019

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 31 October 2019