Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/07/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/1139/21**
Address	**5 The Close Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5AH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/94 (SU) of 1994 to reduce crown height and radial spread by 2 - 3 metres of one Yew tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 29/06/21

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 located near the northeast of the rear garden close to the public footpath that links Mill Lane to Oxen Avenue. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1994: Adur Tree Preservation order Number No.13.53/4/94 (SU) made in 1994.

1998: Reduction of length of branches of Yew tree subject to TPO (13.53/4/94/Su) Refused.

1999: Re-shaping and reduction by 1.5 metres of Yew tree subject to TPO (13.54/4/94/Su)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the far end of the rear garden adjacent to the tall boundary and part retaining wall. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Yew tree T4 has large diameter compound stem that begins to separate from 4.5 metres, where it divides into two distinct clusters of stems that each mostly persist to within 2 metres of the top. The first of the large wide spread branches emerges from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by 2 - 3 metres, the works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, but appear slightly over estimated, and have been amended by condition.

The conditioned 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 area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i reduction in crown height of up to 1 to 2 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 1 to 2 metres

   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: 27/07/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 28/7/21