Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/05/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0391/24**
Address	**Pavilion Shoreham Football Club Middle Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/01/91(SU) of 1991 to pollard to a height of 8 to 10 metres, and associated works one Poplar tree T1 and 16 Poplar trees of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 18/03/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to seventeen large tall Poplar trees, sixteen in group G1 and one individual closer to the main entrance from Dolphin Way. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to pollard all seventeen trees.

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

1991: AdurTree Preservation order Number No.13.53/01/91(SU) of 1991 made.

Planning Assessment

The trees are large mature Poplars growing along the Southern boundary of the Football ground, between the South stand and the boundary with the parking area of Evershed. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Poplar tree T1 Poplar trees x16 of group G1
This tree has a large diameter single stem to 6 metres, where it then divides into two upright stems with a large ascending lateral that emerges from 4 metres on the Southside. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to pollard to a height of 8 to 10 metres, and associated works. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown.

Poplar trees x16 of group G1

The 16 Poplar trees of group G1 are mostly single stemmed to 3 to 4 metres, where slender tall stems emerge. The widest laterals mainly emerge lower than the crown break, with some extending widely over the Football club buildings between the pitch and the trees, and some over the car parking area of the Industrial estate to the South. The main crowns are dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to pollard to a height of 8 to 10 metres, and associated works to contain the size and spread of the trees, and reduce weight of overhanging limbs. This is continuation of works last carried out around 2005 to 2007.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree and will significantly affect their appearance. However in the long term the amenity value, and contribution to the character of the area will be maintained.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. 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: 05/06/2024

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/6/24