Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/10/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1331/20**
Address	**47 Grinstead Lane Lancing West Sussex BN15 9DT**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/3/93 (L) to crown lift by 6m and remove any major dead wood in canopy to 1no. Holm Oak (T1).**

Date of site visit: 12/10/20

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 Holm Oak located near the north east corner of the rear garden, close to the pavement and carriageway of Curvins Way. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift by 6m and remove any major dead wood

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

Consultations: Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who did not comment.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/3/93 (L) of 1993 was made.

Planning Assessment

The Holm Oak is a large mature growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with 1 Curvins Way. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Holm Oak T1 has a single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into several large stems, some of which that divide again at 3 to 4 metres, the remaining stems persist to 8 to 10 metres. The secondary stems are mostly upright and support the wider spreading laterals that emerge from 7 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, and low hanging tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to crown lift by up to 6 metres, and remove any major dead wood in canopy

The works are to allow access, clearance and more light and air to pass beneath the crown, and for safety and amenity reasons.

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 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: 13/10/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 13/10/20