Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/01/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1361/23**
Address	**2 Swanbourne Close Lancing West Sussex BN15 0QH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/1/06/L of 2006 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown thin 10% one Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: n/a

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature Beech tree, located near the centre of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and to crown thin.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 confirmed on 22/03/2006.

2014: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 to initiate pollard point at 9 metres, and carry out associated works to one Copper Beech tree T1.

2020: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 to reduce height and radial growth by 2m to previous points and crown thin by 10% to 1no. Copper Beech tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is an early mature Copper Beech growing in the rear garden of the property, where it is partially visible from the road, and makes a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area

The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres, where it divides into two main stems and several smaller secondary stems. The main crown is mostly upright and densely foliated with numerous small secondary shoots. The tree is growing strongly, but is developing some included bark between the main two upright stems to its eastern side. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown thin 10%. The works are a continuation of previous management to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

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

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: 05/01/2024

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/1/24