Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 25/04/14**

Application Number **AWDM/0170/14**

Site Address: **27 Greenways Crescent Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6HR**

Proposal: **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/3/93 (SU) to re-pollard to last pollard points one Poplar tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 22/04/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single large mature Poplar tree, growing in the rear garden of 27 Greenways Crescent. The tree is an established feature of the area, and can be seen from the road and surrounding area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard the tree to the original points, removing up to 2-2.5 metres of growth.

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

1993: Adur Tree Preservation order 13.53/3/93 (SU) No. 3 of 1993 confirmed on 13/12/1993.

2004: Application to crown thin by 40% and crown lift by 3.5m Poplar tree subject to TPO 13.53/3/93(Su)

2009: Crown thinning, height reduction and removal of loose branches and epicormic growth of Poplar tree (subject to TPO 13.53/3/93/SU)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature tree growing in the Southwest corner of the rear garden of the property. The tree can be seen from many views and is an established feature, and contributes to the character of the area.

The tree is twin stemmed from ground level, dividing into multiple stems at 3 – 4 metres. The main crown breaks at 5-6 metres, with an overall height of 14 -15 metres. The management of the tree has been to carry out crown reduction works, which have resulted in the development of pollard knuckles. This has set the height and width for future management of the tree.

The proposed works are to re-pollard the tree to the original points, removing up to 2-2.5 metres in height and radial spread.

These works although relatively major in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, would be in keeping with its management and will not significantly or adversely affect its amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application, only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA, 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: 25/04/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 25.4.14