**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 04/07/16**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/0770/16** |
| **Address** | **57 Southwick Street Southwick BN42 4TH** |
| **Proposal** | **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to tree in the Southwick reduce height and spread to previous pollard points and crown thin up to 20% one Sycamore tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.** |

**Date of site visit:** 09/06/16

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a single Sycamore tree in the rear garden of 57 Southwick Street, which is a large semi-detached property that is divided into Flats. The Sycamore tree is in the centre of the shared rear garden, visible via the access drive from Southwick Street.

The tree is an established part of in the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metres.

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**

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

2015: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Macrocarpa tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a large mature growing in the small rear garden of 57 Southwick Street. The tree is single stemmed to 4.25 metres, where it then divides into several short stems each of which have been reduced at 4.5 metres, and again at 6 metres. This forms a mass of smaller slender stems that each has long extended growth. The main crown is dense and wide spread mostly on slender secondary limbs. The tree appears to have been heavily reduced repeatedly in its life time, including the removal of what may have been a co-dominant stem at 2 metres from ground level.

The proposed works are to reduce height and radial spread by 2 to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and to maintain its crown shape.

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 Southwick Conservation Area.

**Recommendation:** Grant Consent, not subject to any Conditions.

**Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?**

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 04/07/2016

Authorised by: PD Date: 4.7.16