Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/02/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1385/25**
Address	**Shoreham College St Julians Lane Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 6YW**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162-5-72(Su) of 1972 to reduce / pollard eastern stem in line with boundary wall one Holm Oak tree T14.**

Date of site visit: 10/12/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Holm Oak located near the southeast corner of the grounds. adjacent to the boundary wall. The tree is one of several mature trees that 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 reduce / pollard eastern stem in line with boundary wall one Holm Oak tree.

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

Consultations: Letters sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1977: The Kingston Buci Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974 by Adur District Council on the 13th April 1977.

1995: Works To Trees Subject To Tpo 162/5/72 (Su)

2000: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/3/00/SU made 2000.

2004: Works To Trees Subject To T.P.O Ref 13.53/3/00/Su On West Side Boundary (Adj. New Sports Hall)

2009: Pollard 1 x Holm Oak, reduce by 40% and crown clean 3 x Holm Oaks, remove to height of 3m 1 x Holm Oak and reduce and crown clean Poplars (all subject to TPO/13.53/3/00/SU) on western boundary of site

2010: Felling of Horse Chestnut facing St Julians Lane and reduce Holm Oak by approximately 95% facing Kingston Lane (subject to TPO 13.53/3/00/SU)

2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/3/00/SU of 2000 to reduce radial spread on northern side by 2 to 4 metres, and reduce height by up to 2 to 7 metres, 16 Poplar trees, 2 Ash trees and 3 Sycamore of group G1, to reduce radial spread over carriage way by between 2 to 4 metres, and remove selected lowest limbs on Holm Oak trees T22, T13 & T14, to reduce up to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, and reduce height by up to 3 metres, and crown thin up to 15% Holm Oak trees T52 T53 T54 & T55, to reduce height and radial spread of one Holm Oak T3, to reduce two large secondary stems by up to 40% one Holm Oak T59, to Pollard one Poplar T12, and to fell and replace one Holm Oak T56.

2019: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/00/SU of 2000 to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres over highway and thin by up to 15% four trees: Maple T4, and Limes T5 & T7, and prune to allow clearance to cables within the crown Lime T5, to reduce radial spread by 2 to 3 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres over highway and thin by up to 15% Ash trees T8 & T9, to remove deadwood from Rowan trees T29 to T33, and Holm Oaks T28 & T27, and to fell and replace one Rowan tree T30.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Holm Oak growing in the southeast corner of the front grounds adjacent to the carriage way of Kingston Lane. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres that then divides into three main stems. The slightly smaller east stem has damage at the base and on some limbs over the road. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging laterals to the south.

The proposed works are to reduce or pollard the eastern stem to the boundary wall with Kingston Lane. The works are for public safety for users of the highway.

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: 16/02/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 16/2/26