Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 31/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0828/23**
Address	**30a Longfellow Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4NU**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres, and crown lift up to 5 metres, one Sycamore tree in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 29/06/23

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 Sycamore tree, located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden Road. The tree is a prominent part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and crown lift the tree.

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

1989: The property is included within the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area X designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

Planning Assessment

The Sycamore T1 is a large mature tree growing in the rear garden of the divided building that is 30 and 30a Longfellow Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has two large diameter stems from ground level, that each persist to 3.75 metres, where they then divide into several mostly upright stems that have wide spreading limbs from 6 to 7 metres, some of which are low hanging. The main crown is dense and wide spread with over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres, and crown lift up to 5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass around 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 Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 31/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 31/7/23