Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 08/04/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0361/21**
Address	**3 Cardigan Villas The Green Southwick West Sussex BN42 4GG**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres one Walnut tree within the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 17/03/21

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 early mature Walnut tree located near the centre of the southern boundary of the rear garden of 3 Cardigan Villas. The tree has limited public views, but its size and prominence does make a contribution to the character of the Southwick Conservation Area.

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

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who recommended the application be approved.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height by 2-3m, reduce radial growth by 2-3m and crown thin by 10% one Walnut tree T1 within the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is an early mature growing in the rear garden adjacent to its south boundary. The tree has compound stem that begins to separate at 1 metre, being completely divided into three main stems at 2 metres. At 2 to 2.25 metres the eastern and western secondary stems divide again with the central stem dividing at 5 metres. 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 to 3 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access and more light and air to pass beneath 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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 08/04/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 8/4/21