Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/05/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0695/15**
Address	**57 Southwick Street Southwick BN42 4TH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Macrocarpa tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 28/05/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one Macrocarpa tree in the rear garden of 57 Southwick Street Southwick, which is divided for the two flats of the main building. The tree is not visible from the road, and is not a significant feature of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell the tree, to allow more access to the rear garden.

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

Consultations: Consultation letters sent to the Adur Conservation Advisory Group. Who unanimously agreed to approve the application, stating that they believed the tree to be too large for the property.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

Planning Assessment

The tree is medium to large sized growing in the compact sectioned rear garden adjacent to the property Pendennis. The tree is not readily visible from any public viewpoint except from the narrow access road that serves Pendennis and several others off the south side of Roman Crescent.

The tree is twin stemmed from ground level, with the southern stem dividing into 3 at 2.5 metres and the north side stem persisting to the top of the tree. The tree has foliage from 0.5 metres, with the larger main branches emerging from 2.5 metres. The crown of the tree is dense, with mostly upright scaffold limbs, with the smaller secondary branches wider spreading.

The proposed works are to fell the tree, and there is no obligation for the tree to be replaced.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number size, and form of the trees in the area, and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, amenity value or character of the Southwick Conservation 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: 29/05/15

Authorised by: PD Date: 18.6.15