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Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0353/08 **Recommendation – Permit Application**

Site: **36 Downsway Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GN**

Proposal: **Reduction, re-shaping and other works to 2 silver maple trees (subject to TPO 13.53/2/00/SU)**

The Application

This application seeks permission to undertake works to two Silver Maple trees located on the grass verge to the west of No.36 Downsway, Shoreham. These trees are subject to TPO 13.53/2/00(SU).
It is proposed to cut back the lower branches of both trees to a height of 3 metres reduce and reshape their crowns by up to 30% in the case of T1 and 20% in the case of T2. The crown of T1 will also be thinned by up to 20%. This work is justified to contain growth and to abate possible nuisance.

Consultations and Representations

Consultations/Comments

Jeremy Sergeant	No objection. Crown reduce T1 by up to 30%, thin by 20%, and lift to a height of 2-3 metres. Crown reduce T2 by up to 20% and crow lift up to 2-3 metres.

Third Parties

No representations have been received.

Relevant Planning Policies and Guidance

Adopted West Sussex Structure Plan 2001-2016 (WSCC 2005) (saved policies): CH4, DEV1
Adopted Adur District Local Plan 1993-2006 (ADC 1996) (saved policies): AB23
Design Bulletin No.1 'Trees and Landscaping' (ADC 1996)
'Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice' (DETR 2000)

Planning Assessment

Policies
Local Plan policy AB23 states that Tree Preservation Orders will be made to safeguard existing trees in the District where their loss would have an adverse effect on the existing and future environment and its enjoyment by the public.

Trees
Both trees are located within on a grass verge to the west of No.36 Downsway with T1 being the larger and more dominant of the two at approximately 12 metres in height. It is clear that they are becoming overgrown and are somewhat scruffy in appearance. This work will serve to tidy their appearance without detracting from their amenity value.
The Council's Assistant Parks Manager has examined the trees and comments that they are both in good condition with no obvious signs of damage or decay. The proposed works are recommended as appropriate measures to contain their growth.

Recommendation

APPROVE:-

Subject to:

1. C1Ciii
2. C11M
3. The following works are hereby approved:
    a. T1 (Silver Maple): Overall crown reduction of up to 30% and crown thin by up to 20%, with a crown lift to a height of 2-3 metres above ground level.
    b. T2 (Silver Maple): Overall crown reduction of up to 20% and crown lift to a height of 2-3 metres above ground level.

    Reason: In the interests of amenity.

Case Officer:.....

Date: 6/8/08.

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