Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/08/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1150/20**
Address	**59 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height by 2.3 metres and reduce spread to north and south by 1.5 metres to 1no. Plum tree, within the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 31/07/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Plum located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the area and makes a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: Letters sent to ADCAAG -Adur District Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

2017: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove selected limb on western side of one Bullous tree T2, to pollard one Sycamore tree T4, and to fell one Portuguese Laurel T1, and one Sycamore T3 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature growing in the rear garden adjacent to the northern boundary. The tree is part of the area with no public views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres where the stem divides into several stems that have each been previously reduced at 4 metres. The resulting re-growth is in large clusters of small upright branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2.3 metres and reduce spread to north and south by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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: 26/08/2020

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 26 August 2020