Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1164/26**
Address	**23 Roman Crescent Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Holly T1 and one Sycamore tree T2 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 09/09/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two small to medium sized early mature trees, located near the centre of the western boundary of the rear garden. The trees are a part of the local landscape and make a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace both trees.

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 did not respond.

Representations: One representation received from a nearby neighbour in support.

Relevant Planning History

1976: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 162/3/76/SW of 1976 made.

1993: Application for Removal Of Lateral Branch Of Pine Tree Overhanging 21 Roman Crescent subject to TPO 162/3/76/SW of 1976

2004: Application for reduction/removal of lower & crossing limbs of 2 Pine trees subject to TPO 162/3/76/SW of 1976

Planning Assessment

The trees are a small immature Holly growing in the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary fence, and a slightly larger Sycamore within 1 to 1.5 metres to its north. The trees have a low prominence to the area, and no public views. The trees are;

Holly T1
This tree is multi-stemmed from ground level, with the largest stem to the Northeast, dividing into three from 1.2 metres. The stems all persist to within 1 metre of the top. The first limbs emerge from 2 metres. The main crown is mostly de-foliated with some sparse foliage to the western side.

Sycamore T2
The Sycamore tree is growing in close proximity to the Holly T1, being slightly to its north and partially intertwined. The tree has two stems from ground level, that both mostly persist to the top. The first limbs emerge from 2 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace both trees, the Holly tree due to its poor condition and the Sycamore due to its species and its proximity to a small garden building.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and an amount of change will take place. However the effect on the Conservation Area will be compensated with the provision of replacement trees.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 06/01/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/1/26