Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 11/03/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/0068/20**
Address	**2 Swanbourne Close Lancing West Sussex BN15 OQH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 to reduce height and radial growth by 2m to previous points and crown thin by 10% to 1no. Copper Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 10/02/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a tree located near the centre of the northern boundary wall adjacent to the footpath of the rear front garden Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and radial spread to previous points and crown thin.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who responded that they have no objections.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 confirmed on 22/03/2006.

2014: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/06/L of 2006 to initiate pollard point at 9 metres, and carry out associated works to one Copper Beech tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is an early mature Copper Beech growing in the rear garden of the property, where it is partially visible from the road, and makes a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area

The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres, where it divides into two main stems and several smaller secondary stems. The main crown is mostly upright and densely foliated with numerous small secondary shoots. The tree is growing strongly, but is developing some included bark between the main two upright stems to its eastern side. 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 metres, to previous points and crown thin by 10%.

These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through 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 area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority 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: 11/03/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 11/3/20