Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/06/13**

Application Number **AWDM/0646/13**

Site Address; **17 Roman Crescent Southwick BN42 4TY**

Proposal **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce to a height of 4 metres; four Beech trees one Silver Birch and one Olive tree, and to reduce by up to 1.5 metres in radial spread and up to 1.5 metres in height one Cherry Laurel.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/13

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to seven trees in the Southwick Conservation Area, which are situated in the rear garden of 17 Roman Crescent. The trees are along the North boundary wall, between 17 Roman Crescent and 31 Roman Way, which was built in the rear garden in 1989. Both properties are within the Southwick Conservation Area. The trees concerned are four young Beech trees, one Silver Birch, one Olive and a Cherry Laurel. The trees are not visible form the highway and do not contribute to the character of the conservation area.

Consent is sought to carry out the following works to the seven trees;

G1 = Four Beech trees, reduce by up to 4 metres to a finished height of 4 metres.
T1 = Silver Birch, reduce by up to six metres to a finished height of 4 metres.
T2 = Cherry Laurel, overall crown reduction, in height and radial spread of up to 1.5 metres.
T3 = Olive tree, reduce by up to one metre to a finished height of 4 metres.

The reasons for the works are primarily due to issues of light, for the bungalow 31 Roman Way.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas: Manor House, The Green and Church Lane. The area was extended in 1979 to include buildings on the North side of Roman Crescent.

Planning Assessment

The seven trees that are the subject of this notice do not contribute to the character of the conservation area. The works to the Beech trees are to establish a tall hedge along the North

boundary wall. The Beech trees are relatively young, around 8 to 10 years old and should recover from these works. The Silver Birch is slightly older at around 10 – 15 years old. The works are to create a tall screen between the two properties of 17 Roman Road and 31 Roman Way. Although the reduction in height is dramatic, the trees are not visible from the road, and would not be considered for protection. These works in my opinion would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance 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: 12/06/2013

Authorised by: PD Date: 17.6.13