Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0690/23**
Address	**21 The Street Lancing West Sussex BN15 0PN**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Hawthorn tree in the North Lancing Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 31/05/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small over mature Hawthorn located near the centre of the Southern boundary wall adjacent to the footpath of the front garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the North Lancing Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell one Hawthorn tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1975: The North Lancing Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, As Amended by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974, by the Adur District Council on the 28th July 1975.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Hawthorn growing in the front garden close to the carriageway of The Street. The tree is part of a crowded border of trees and shrubs that are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has two stems that emerge from a common source at 0.1 metre above ground level and extend to 2.75 metres, where both stems divide again. The first limbs emerge from 2.5 metres mostly to the South and Southwest. The main stems have become hollowed out through decay up to 2 metres, with the remaining live wood being high in the crown. The main crown is sparse and wide spread.

The proposed works are to fell the tree without replacement due to its poor condition and the compactness of the heavily planted front garden.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees, although due to the density of existing trees and shrubs the loss of the Hawthorn will not have a significant effect on the character of the North Lancing Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 27/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 27/6/23