Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 24/03/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0095/15**
Address	**10 West Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WG**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Pittosporum tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 19/02/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Pittosporum tree in the rear garden of 10 West Street. The tree is of modest size and is visible to many surrounding properties and gardens of West Street and Ship Street.

Consent is sought to fell the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: The Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated in May 1971 covering an area encompassing the shopping areas of High Street, East Street and Brunswick Road; the areas surrounding St Mary's Church; and the adjoining residential areas.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature evergreen Pittosporum growing in the narrow rear garden of the listed building of 10 West street Shoreham-by-Sea. The tree has a single stem to 0.5 metres that then divides into several stems, which each divide again up to the previous reduction point at 6 metres. The lower stems are mostly clear to the base of the flat wide crown at 5.5 metres.

The proposed works are to fell the tree. The works are to allow more space in the small narrow garden, giving more room for other plants and trees in its southeast corner.

This tree is not part of a group or line of trees and as it is not visible from the road or any public areas. The tree does not contribute to street scene or make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area. Therefore it would not be considered for a Tree Preservation Order.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works to fell one Pittosporum tree, 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: 24/03/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 30.3.15