Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/06/13**

Application Number	**AWDM/0609/13**
	Approve
Site Address;	**17 Roman Crescent Southwick BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1976 to Deadwood one Pine tree T6, Crown lift to 3 metre and Deadwood one Beech tree T7 and to remove single branch on the north side of crown and Deadwood one Cedar tree T8.**

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 three trees in the Southwick Conservation Area, which are situated in the front garden of 17 Roman Crescent The trees are highly visible form the highway and contribute to the character of the conservation area.

Consent is sought to carry out the following works to the three trees;
T6 Pine = Remove dead wood
T7 Beech = Crown lift up to 3 metres
T8 Cedar = Remove single branch on the North side of crown

The reasons for the works are primarily due to issues of amenity and public safety.

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.

2000: Works To Pine, Cedar and Beech Trees (Subject To Tpo 3/76/SW) Crown lift Pine tree deadwood Beech tree and Crown lift Cedar. Permitted.

Planning Assessment

The three trees that are the subject of this application are, a very tall prominent Pine tree (T6) a equally Large Cedar (T8) and a slightly less prominent Beech tree (T7). The Pine tree (T7) is around 18 -20 metres tall with a clear single stem of around 12 metres. The works are to remove deadwood which will have little visual effect on this highly prominent tree that is a feature of the area.
The Beech tree (T7) is between the Pine and the cedar. This tree is around 12 metres high, with a compact, relatively narrow spreading crown. The works requested are to crown lift up to 3 metres to reduce nuisance of low branches and give the tree a more formal appearance. The main amenity of this tree is as a back drop to the Pine tree, and this will not be affected.

The Cedar tree (T8) is around 18 metres tall and is set slightly further back from the road that the other two trees. The works request is to reduce a single branch that is extending to the North side of the crown, over the neighbouring property. This branch extends further than the bulk of the crown and its reduction will not significantly alter the balance or appearance of the tree.

In addition the application also includes deadwood removal from trees T7 and T8.

These works in my opinion would not significantly or adversely affect the character of the Southwick Conservation Area or the amenity value of the trees.

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: 14/06/2013

Authorised by: PD Date: 17.6.13