

Application Number **AWDM/0504/26**

Address **The Roost 13 Church Lane Southwick West Sussex BN42 4GD**

Proposal **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Ash tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 20/04/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large tall mature Ash tree located in the northwest corner of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

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.

2025: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace three Cypress trees T1 T2 and T3 one Damson tree T4 and one Holly T5 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Ash growing in the rear garden, adjacent to the main building of the Roost and close to the Southeast corner of the neighboring property of 15 Church Lane. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from limited public views.

The tree has a gnarled single stem to 5 metres, where it then divides into several with an additional secondary stem that emerges from 3 metres on the south side. The stems from the main stem have been previously reduced at 10 metres with the other secondary stem having been reduced at 5 metres. The regrowth from both has resulted in long slender stems that support many tertiary branches that have dense foliage. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree. The works are due to its proximity to both buildings, and to abate possible future nuisance.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the Southwick Conservation Area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 12/06/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 12/6/26