Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/08/22**

Application Number	**AWDM/0972/22**
Address	**330 Upper Shoreham Road Shoreham-by-sea West Sussex BN11 1DJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/1/92(SU) of 1992 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres, and crown thin up to 30% one Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 10/08/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Beech tree located near the southwest corner of the front garden, adjacent to the low boundary wall, close to the pavement of the Upper Shoreham Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, crown lift, and crown thin.

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

1992: Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/1/92(SU) of 1992 made.

2005: Works To Beech Tree And Lime Tree Subject To T.P.O Ref 13.53/1/92(Su)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the front garden near to the junction of Upper Shoreham Road and The Drive. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 7 metres, where it then divides into two, with an equally large stem emerging at 6 metre. The stems have been uniformly reduced at 7 metres, with some large pruning wounds. The base of the tree has several large laterals that emerge that emerge allround from 1.5 to 2 metres, and mostly persist to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres, and crown thin up to 30%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree allow

access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown. However these works appear to have been slightly over estimated and have been amended by conditions.

The amended works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree and would not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i Reduction in crown height of up to 2 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of 2 to 4 metres, 2 metres overal and up to 4 metres on the longest most extended limbs.

   iii Crown lifting of up to 4 metres.

   iv Crown thinning by up to 20%

   only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority 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: 12/08/2022

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 12 August 2022