Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/07/22**

Application Number	**AWDM/1026/22**
Address	**8 Roman Crescent Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres one English Oak tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 27/06/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Holm Oak tree located near the Southwest corner of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 162/3/76 (SW) of 1976 confirmed on 23/02/1977.

> 1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas 'The Green and Church Lane' area covered all buildings surrounding The Green and including the buildings on the corners of Cross Road, Roman Crescent, Southdown Road, Southwick Square, The Twitten, Watling Road, Victoria Road/Park Lane, Albert Road and Oldfield Crescent.

1979: Application To Fell One Cypressus Macrocarpa.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the rear garden, that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2.25 metres where it divides into two with each stem dividing again from 5 to 6 metres. The scaffolds of the main crown are mostly more slender poles that form an overall ball shape, with some lower hanging secondary branches.

A large equal height secondary stem emerges on the southwest from 2 metres that persists to an equal height in the crown. 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 2 to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around the crown.

These 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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 29/07/2022

Authorised by: PB Date: 29/7/22