**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 04/02/16**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/1847/15** |
| **Address** | **34 Lesser Foxholes Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5NT** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/66(SU) of 1966 to reduce crown height and radial spread by 2 metres on one Swedish Whitebeam Tree.** |

**Date of site visit:** 03/02/16

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a single Swedish Whitebeam tree in the front garden of 34 Lesser Foxholes. The tree is a part of a group of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce the height and radial spread of the tree.

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

**Consultations:** None.

**Representations:** None received.

**Relevant Planning History**

1966: Shoreham Tree Preservation order 162/1/66 (SU) of 1966 confirmed on 08/09/66.

1998: Reduction of Branches of Swedish Whitebeam Tree (Subject to TPO 13.53/1/98/SU)

2005: Cut Back Branches Of Whitebeam Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/1/98/Su)

2010: 25% crown reduction and 20% crown thinning of Swedish Whitebeam in front garden subject to TPO 13.53/1/98/SU

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a medium sized mature Whitebeam growing in the front garden south of the driveway, and close to the main building. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2.5 metres where it then divides in to several smaller main stems. There are some signs of a poor union between the main and secondary stems, which have each been reduced at 8 metres. From this point there is re-growth extending to 10 metres. The main crown is dense and mostly upright with some wider spreading secondary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce the height and radial spread by up to 2 metres bringing the main stems back to the previous reduction points. This is to allow clearance to the building and drive way and to maintain the size and spread of the tree.

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 area.

**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: 04/02/2016

Authorised by: PD Date: 4.2.16