Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/03/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1893/22**
Address	**Dunelm Mill Eastern Avenue Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 6PW**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/3/07 (SU) of 2007 to reduce radial spread to east by up to 2 metres, to allow clearance to control barrier, Sycamore tree T10.**

Date of site visit: 14/02/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium to large early mature Sycamore growing in a small sloped verge near the entrance from Eastern Avenue. The tree is part of a group that is prominent in the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to east, to allow clearance to the adjacent control barrier.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2007: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/3/07/SU of 2007 confirmed on 30/10/2007.

2011: Felling of White Poplar tree and works to other white Poplars and Sycamore trees subject to TPO 13.53/3/07/SU

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/3/07 (SU) of 2007 to remove one selected lateral limb on the south side back to the main bole of one Poplar tree T3.

2018: Application under Shoreham Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/3/07/SU to remove Sycamore (T2) and replant 1no. Sycamore between T1 and T10. Refused.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a part of an established group of trees that line the northern side of Eastern Avenue, and provide a screen for the retail parking area. The trees are visible from many views, including the main through route of Brighton Road / A259.

The Sycamore tree T2 has a single stem to 0.5 metre where it then divides into two: the larger east stem divides again at 1.2 metres, with the west stem mostly persisting to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to east by up to 2 metres, to allow clearance to the adjacent entrance control barrier.

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

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application 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: 10/03/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/3/23