Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/08/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/1098/19**
Address	**St Judes Mill Lane Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5AG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Shoreham Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/1/93/SU to crown lift to 5m, up to 25 per cent crown thinning, height reduction up to 1.5m and radial reduction up to 1.5m of Hawthorn T15; trimming all over up to 0.5m Holly T16.**

Date of site visit: 29/07/19

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two medium sized mature trees in the front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift, reduce height and radial spread and crown thin the Hawthorn tree and to overall reduce/trim the Holly tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/1/93(SU) of 1993 made.

2005: Pruning Of Hawthorn Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/1/93/Su).

Planning Assessment

The trees are a small Holly to the east side of the front garden and a larger mature Hawthorn growing in the centre of the north boundary of front garden close to the pavement of Mill Lane. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Hawthorn T15</u>
The Hawthorn tree is growing on raised ground, close to the retaining wall on the northern side of the front garden. The tree has twin stems from ground level, becoming three main stems from 1.8 metres. The north stem terminates at 2.75 metres, becoming a cluster of varying sized stems. The east and southern stems mostly persisting to the top, supporting many secondary limbs.

The main stems are damaged, with some poor unions. The crown is dense with branches, but slightly sparse in foliage.

The proposed works are to reduce height and spread by up to 1.5 metres, and crown thin by up to 25%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through its crown.

Holly T16
This tree is located to the eastern side of the garden close to the entrance driveway from Mill Lane. The tree has single relatively wide diameter stem from ground level. The stem has limbs from 1 metre persists to 2.25 where it has been historically lopped or damaged. The resulting re-growth is a number of smaller stems that form a wide array. The main crown is dense in a compact domed shape. The proposed works are to maintain the size and form of the tree.

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

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. 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: 16/08/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 16/8/2019