Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 25/09/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1294/20**
Address	**11 Southdown Road Southwick West Sussex BN42 4FT**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by 3 metres, and associated works to one Bay tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 25/09/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium early mature Bay located near the southwest corner of the rear garden, adjacent to the brick built out building. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height by 3 metres, and associated works

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

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from nearby neighbour in support of the proposed works.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The tree is an immature Bay growing in the rear grounds garden close to the garden building. The tree is visible from the public road, but not prominent.

The tree has a multiple stems from ground level that extend to 2 metres, where they begin to divide and form a tight array that supports many smaller branches. The tree has foliage from ground level, with the main crown being dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres, and carry out associated works.

The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance to the garden building and allow more light and air to pass 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: 25/09/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 25/9/20