Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/10/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1263/23**
Address	**8 - 10 Gratwicke Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4BH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Elderberry tree in the Montague Street Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 13/09/233

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small self seeded Elderberry tree located on the Eastern side of the rear access path for properties in Gratwicke Road. The tree is not part of the street scene and makes a very limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Montague Street Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell the tree without replacement.

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

Consultations: None. Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: The property is included within Conservation Area Montague Street XXV (formerly Seafront and Hinterland), designated by the Council on 14th March 2000, pursuant to Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature Elderberry growing in the rear access way from Montague Street, adjacent to the driveway of Clarendon Mews. The tree has limited public views.

The Elderberry tree has multiple stems from ground level, with one larger main stem that divides into two at 0.3 metre, and supports most of the higher branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread. Although the tree has previously been cut back several times, it appears to have been allowed to grow over the last 2 to 3 seasons. The tree now blocks access along the path and is growing directly adjacent to the boundary wall.

The proposed works are to remove the tree without replacement, to allow access along the path and prevent possible damage to the boundary wall.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number of trees in the area and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, character or amenity value of the Montague Street Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 19/10/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 19/10/23