Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/10/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1251/20**
Address	**5 Mill Hill Shoreham-By-Sea West Sussex BN43 5TG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 162/2/78(SU) of 1978 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres one Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 29/09/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application relates to a mature Beech tree located near the north east corner of the front garden. The site is at an elevated position as are most of the dwellings on the west side of the road, as a result the tree is approximately 1.5 metres above the level of the road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1978: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 162/2/78/SU made in1978.

2008: Crown reduction and thinning of beech tree (subject to TPO 162/2/78/SU).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature growing in the front garden where it is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views. The road is characterised with many larger than average houses set well back from the road that have mature gardens with a significant amount of large trees at the front of the properties on the west side.

The tree has a compound stem that begins to separate at 1 metre, with several upright stems that are fully separated from 1.5 metres. The stems mostly persist to 9 to 10 metres, with the first significant laterals from 2.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals. There are also some fruiting bodies, Ganoderma at the north side of the base, slightly above ground level.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain 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. 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: 05/10/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/10/20