Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 21/12/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1979/20**
Address	**63 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TL**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce the radial spread by 2 metre to 1no. Magnolia tree (T1) in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 10/12/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small early mature Magnolia tree located near the northeast corner of the front garden, adjacent to the pavement of Southwick Street. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ADCAG Adur Conservation Area Advice Group, who unanimously agreed to raise no objection.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature growing in the front garden close to the junction of Southwick Street and Manor Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Magnolia tree has multiple twisted stems that emerge from ground level. The four main stems begin to divide at 1 metre, where the first laterals also emerge. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree crown, and reduce overhang to the adjacent pavement and neighbours garden.

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: 11/01/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 11/1/21