Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 17/04/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0320/15**
Address	**9 Grantsmead Lancing BN15 OPG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/84(L) of 1984 to reduce radial spread by 0.5 to 1 metre, reduce height by up to 1 metre, and crown thin by up to 15% on Hawthorn Tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 06/03/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Hawthorn tree in the front garden of 9 Grantsmead adjacent to the garage and driveway, to the north of the property. The trees are part of an established number of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and radial spread of the crown, and to crown thin by up to 15%

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

Consultations: Consultation letter sent to Lancing Parish Council on 09/03/15 giving 21 days. No responses or comments received.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1984: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/84(L) of 1984 confirmed on 28/04/84.

1986: Pruning And Shaping Of Cedar Tree (T5) And Hawthorn (T4) Subject To Tree Preservation Order 162/1/84(L)

1996: Shaping And Tidying Of Hawthorn Tree (Subject To Tpo 162/1/84/L)

2002: Shaping & Tidying Of Hawthorn Tree (T5) And Fir Tree (T6) Subject To Tpo 162/1/84(L)

2012: Crown lift Hawthorn to 3-3.5m (works to a tree subject to tree preservation order 162/1/84/L)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature growing in the narrow strip of hard surfaced land that forms the long driveway to the properties garage. The tree is one of several protected trees that the development was built around in the early eighties.

The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres where the large rounded dense crown forms. The main stem divides at around 2 metres into several tightly forked upright stems, from which the mass of secondary branches form the main crown.

The proposed works are to reduce the radial spread by up to 0.5 to 1 metre, and to reduce the crown height by up to 1 metre. In addition the proposal is to crown thin by up to 15%. These works will be a continuation of the recent management regime for this tree and are to contain the trees size and spread by reduction, and to reduce the weight and density of the crown by a 15% thinning.

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. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application, only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA, 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: 17/04/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 23.4.15