Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/03/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/0206/19**
Address	**Southwick Green Dental Practice 46 The Green Southwick West Sussex BN42 4FR**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove limb on boundary on west side down to major fork at 2.5m; adjacent limb remove down to fork at 4m. Remaining stem by boundary shorten small branches over garden of No.48 of (T1) Sycamore tree.**

Date of site visit: 13/02/19

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 sized early mature located near the centre of the northern boundary. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to remove / reduce two main stems on the northern side of the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas 'The Green and Church Lane' area covered all buildings surrounding The Green and including the buildings on the corners of Cross Road, Roman Crescent, Southdown Road, Southwick Square, The Twitten, Watling Road, Victoria Road/Park Lane, Albert Road and Oldfield Crescent, together with all the buildings within Waterdyke Avenue.

Planning Assessment

The tree is an early mature growing in the rear garden, where it is visible from the junction of Southdown Road and the Green. The tree is a part of the area, and can be seen from the public road.

The tree has single stem to 2.5 metres where the stem divides into 3 to 4 upright secondary stems. The stem to the north Eastern side divides again at 4 metres, with the northwest stem being single and more slender. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended small laterals.

The proposed works are to remove one stem at the union on the northeast stem, to remove the smaller northeast stem at 2.5 metres, and to reduce smaller tertiary branches on the north side of the crown. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through 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: 07/03/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 7/3/19