Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/06/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0453/21**
Address	**42 The Green Southwick West Sussex BN42 4FR**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to thin by up to 25% one Sweet Chestnut tree (T1) in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 11/05/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium to large early mature sweet Chestnut tree located near the centre of the eastern boundary wall of the rear garden. 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 crown thin the tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The property is within The Southwick Conservation Area that was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large early mature growing in the rear garden where it is visible partially from The Green to the west and more clearly from the Public Car park of Southwick Square to the east. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has two stems that emerge from a common source. A northwest stem that has curved growth and that mostly persists to the top, and a southeast stem that divides from 2.5 metres and has a large secondary stem from 1.2 metres, that angles out to the east. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown thin the tree by up to 25%. The works are to allow more light and air to pass through the crown, and reduce its sail effect.

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: 05/06/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 7/6/21