Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/01/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1788/16**
Address	**1st Scout Group Burton Hall Sandown Road Southwick BN42 4HB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/08 (SW) of 2008 to crown lift up to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and reduce crown height by up to 2 metres one Ash tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 19/12/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single medium sized Ash tree, growing in the grounds of Burton Hall Sandown Road Southwick. The site has permission to create a new dwelling on the land which will see the tree becoming a feature of the dwellings rear garden.

The tree is a part of in the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift, reduce radial spread and reduce crown height.

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

2008: Worthing Tree Preservation order No.13.53/3/08 (SW) of 2008 confirmed on 27/10/08.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized early mature growing near the north east corner of the grounds of Burton Hall. The tree is adjacent to the southern side of the small Cul-de-Sac section of Phoenix Way, close to its junction with Sandown Road.

The tree is single stemmed to 4 metres, where the first of two large lateral limb appears, the second at 5 metres. The main central stem divides at 6 metres, forming a wide spreading crown, with a slight imbalance to the northwest.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 3 metres, reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread up to 3 metres. The works are to allow access beneath the crown and 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: 09/01/2017

Authorised by: PD Date: 9.1.17