Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/11/13**

Application Number **AWDM/1246/13**

Site Address: **30 Lesser Foxholes Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5NT**

Proposal: **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/66 (SU) to remove the 2 lowest branches back to the main stem on one Scots Pine tree.**

Date of site visit: 13/11/13

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single tall mature Pine tree in the rear garden of 30 Lesser Foxholes, close to the northern boundary.

Consent is sought to remove the two lowest secondary branches that extend toward the neighbouring property 32 Lesser Fox Holes, so as to give a clearance of up to 2 metres.

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

Consultations: None

Representations: One letter of support received from neighbours, giving reasons of safety, and abating nuisance.

From: 32 Lesser Fox Holes.

Relevant Planning History

1966: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/66 (SU) confirmed.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Pine tree of around 16 metres in height. The tree appears to be healthy although there is some dead wood present (up to 5%). There is also the remains of some severed Ivy on the main trunk. The works are mostly to clear the adjacent building of 30 Lesser Foxholes, and as such some shortening of smaller branches will also be required.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, or the amenity value of the trees.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works to remove two lowest secondary branches, and shorten selected smaller branches to clear building, 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: 22/11/2013

Authorised by: PD Date: 25.11.13