Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1264/12 **Recommendation – Approve**

Site: **34 Southdown Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex**

Proposal: **Section 211 Notice under the Town and County Planning Act 1990 to fell 2 x Golden Macrocarpa, reduction works to Birch, Pittosporum, Holly and Yew**
(6 weeks prior notification of tree works in a Conservation Area.)

Date of site visit: 30th October 2012

Neighbours checked: Yes

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application property consists of a detached dwelling house located in the Conservation Area on the eastern side of Southdown Road Shoreham-by-Sea.

Six weeks notice under S.211 has been given for:- the felling of 2 Golden Macrocarpa and reduction works to Birch, Pittosporum, Holly and Yew.

Consultations

Adur & Worthing Councils:

The Assistant Parks Manager has commented:-

T1 – Golden Marcocarpa – Two bright green foliaged Macrocarpa trees. Very similar in appearance to the golden form Leylandii. Unlikely to be considered for a tpo. These trees do appear to be dominating the front garden, as with other conifers it is not possible to reduce the spread of the crown. – felling of both trees requested.
T2 – reasonable tree for situation giving dappled shade, rather than blocking light. Silver Birch often responds well to reduction works. – reduce by up to 3m.
T3 – small sized multi stemmed tree. – reduce by up to 3m.
T4 – Small tree – reduce by up to 3m.
T5 – Established Yew Tree, very wide spreading with low overall height – reduce spread of crown by up to 1.5 metres..

Recommend above works be permitted.

Planning Assessment

The trees are in the front garden of the property adjacent to the highway and are in general good health with no obvious signs of damage or decay. The felling of the 2 Macrocarpa trees is acceptable as the trees are dominating the

front garden and it is not possible to reduce the spread of the crown. These trees are not considered worthy of a TPO. The works to the Birch, Pittosporum, Holly and Yew are also considered to be acceptable.

Recommendation

That the applicant be advised that a TPO is not being made by the Council in respect of the trees that are subject of the Notice and the works may proceed.

Case Officer: Hannah Barker Date: 20th November 2012

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 23 November 2012