Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 02/02/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/1731/14**
Address	**47 Dolphin Road Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6PB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/61 of 1961 and 162/1/76 of 1976 to crown lift up to 5-6 metres and remove deadwood to Sycamore and Holm Oak trees of groups G1 and G2.**

Date of site visit: 30/01/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to four mature trees along the northern boundary of the site, adjacent to the Parking Area of 47 Dolphin Road, and the rear gardens of properties in Kingsland Close Shoreham-by-Sea. The trees are an established group which make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift all protected trees along the boundary line, and remove deadwood where required.

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

1961: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1961 confirmed.
1971: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1976 confirmed.
1986: Proposed Lopping Of Trees Subject To TPO 162/1/61(Su) and 162/1/76 (Su)
2004: Crown Raising Of 6 Oak Trees & 9 Sycamores & Other Works To Trees Subject To TPO 162/1/61 & 1/76 (Su).
2009: Works to trees subject to TPO 162/1/61 and 1/76 (SU)

Planning Assessment

The trees are Holm Oaks and Sycamores that form a staggered line along the northern boundary of the site. Of the groups there are four significant mature Holm Oak trees, and four large Sycamores. The remaining trees are either young trees or offshoots from the main trees.

The trees are;

Holm Oak trees
There are four mature large Holm Oak trees, one of which is west of a dividing fence line. The Holm Oaks are 2 with single stems to 2 metres one with a single stem to 3 metres and one that has a single stem that persists to the top of the crown. The trees are mostly upright with only smaller secondary limbs that are low hanging. One Holm Oak to the eastern end of the line has a large amount of basal growth that emerges from the elongated root buttress. Removal of this growth will make a significant difference to the area.

Sycamore trees
There are three Sycamore trees with single stems varying from 3 to 6 metres and one Multi-stem from ground level. The Sycamore tree to the western end of the group is in poor condition with several areas of damage and decay and an extensive loss of bark on the main stem. This tree, if required could be felled. The remaining Sycamore trees are mostly in reasonable condition with some large, but callused over cavities. One Sycamore tree also has some slightly larger basal shoots.

The proposed works to all trees are to crown lift up to 6 – 7 metres, and to remove dead wood as required. This work is to allow access beneath the trees and maintain their existing size and form.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number size, and form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value or their contribution to the character of the Conservation Area.

The trees are medium sized trees growing in

The tree is part of an established group of trees, which are prominent in the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area

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 their appearance, amenity value or their contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, 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: 02/03/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 2.2.15