Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 25/02/14**

Application Number **AWDM/0077/14**

Site Address: **WSCC Verge The Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5NJ**

Proposal: **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 5 metres and prune back Northeast of crown to clear building by up to 2 metres on one Holm Oak tree in the Old Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 04/02/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Holm Oak tree adjacent to the footpath at the southern end of The Street Shoreham. The tree is very prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

Consent is sought to crown lift up to 5 metres, and carry out pruning works to give up to 2 metres clearance to the building of Old Shoreham Farm House, which is on the junction of The Street and St Nicolas Lane.

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

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

None.

Planning Assessment

T1 is a large mature tree that is visible from many views in the area. The tree is 15 metres tall and has multiple stems from ground level. The crown is high at around 5 metres but does have some low hanging branches, some of which are close to the listed building – Old Shoreham Farm House, which is to the Northeast of the tree.

The works requested are standard works for a Street tree, to crown lift up to 5 metres, and works to prevent damage to property and/or the tree itself by reducing away from the building, by up to 2 metres.

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, or amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Old Shoreham Conservation 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: 25/02/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 26.2.14