Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 18/12/13**

Application Number **AWDM/1304/13**

Site Address: **55 Ring Road Lancing BN15 0QE**

Proposal: **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/62 (L) to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 2 metres on the Northwest aspect and up to 1 metre on all other aspects, and to reduce height by up 1 metre, on one Holm Oak Tree.**

Date of site visit:

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium to large sized Holm Oak tree in the rear garden of 55 Ring Road close to the buildings of 55 and 57 Ring Road.

Consent is sought to reduce the radial spread by up to 1-2 metres to contain the size of the tree and to give a clearance to both buildings of up to 2 metres.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of abating nuisance, light issues and amenity value

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1962: Worthing Rural District Council Tree Preservation Order 162/1/62 confirmed on 06/04/1962.

2010: Application to Reduce Holm Oak at rear by 30% (subject to TPO 162/1/62/L). Approved.

Planning Assessment

The tree is around 10 metres tall with a wide dense crown made mostly of secondary branches, which cover the main large limbs of the tree. The tree is only partially visible from the public highway, the best view being from Mill Road.

The reason for the proposed works is mainly to give a clearance of up to 2 metres from the two closest buildings, on the Northern aspect of the tree. Also works are to reduce the tree in both height and width by up to 1 metre so as to maintain the trees size, and spread.

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 the appearance, or the amenity value of the tree.

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: 18/12/2013

Authorised by: PD Date: 19.12.13