**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 05/03/19**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/0152/19** |
| **Address** | **The Barn Dankton Lane Sompting West Sussex BN15 OEE** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/5/76(S) to crown reduce by 2.5m one Walnut tree (T7).** |

**Date of site visit:** 12/02/19

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Walnut tree located near the north west corner of the high boundary wall. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and radial spread, and deadwood.

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

**Consultations:** Letters sent to Sompting Parish Council, who support the proposed works.

**Representations:** None received.

**Relevant Planning History**

1976: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number of confirmed on 020/03/201904.

2002: Crown Thinning Of Chestnut & Walnut Trees Subject To Tpo 162/5/76/S

2004: Crown Thinning Of Chestnut And Walnut Trees Subject To Tpo 162/5/76/S

2007: Reduce height (by 25%- 30%) of horse chestnut tree and walnut tree subject to TPO (162/5/76/S)

2010: Crown thinning and height reduction of horse chestnut tree and crown thinning/balancing of walnut tree subject to TPO 162/5/76/S

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a mature growing in the walled rear/side garden of the property where it is visible from the public road, and partially overhangs the drive way of 2 Dankton Lane. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has single stem that is clear to 3 metres, where the first significant lateral emerges, and that persists to 5 metres. At 5 metres the main stem begins to divide, with the main central stem

continuing at angle toward the north east. The upper section of the crown is formed of smaller ascending secondary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some water shoots and several areas of deadwood.

The proposed works are to reduce height and spread by up to 2.5 metres, and to remove deadwood.

These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and for safety.

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, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

**Recommendation**

**Grant Consent,** subject to the following Conditions:

1. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority 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: 05/03/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/3/19