Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 18/12/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1940/20**
Address	**30 Southdown Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5AN**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Cherry tree (T1) in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 01/12/20

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 Cherry tree growing near the southwest corner of the front garden adjacent to the entrance steps from the pavement of Southdown Road Shoreham. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ADCAAG Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who stated that they have no objections.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. ***this charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

2012: Crown reduction by 1.8 m T1(Flowering Cherry) to original pruning points; fell and grub out T2 (Robina Frisia), giving 6 weeks notice for works to trees in a Conservation Area

2017: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height and radial growth by 1-2 metres and crown thin by 10% one Cherry Tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The flowering Cherry (T1) is set towards the southwest of the front garden where it has decorative value, and adds amenity to the surrounding area. The street itself is tree lined with larger, more structural specimens which add formality to the street, which has a mixed character of architecture within it.

The tree has a single stem to 3.5 metres, with a large secondary stem that emerges from 1 metre, and attains an equal height. The main central stem divides into several smaller stems and laterals at 3.5 metres, which have been reduced at 4 to 5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, mostly due to its proximity to the access steps. The tree is a reasonable specimen, and fairly large for its species. However it is a grafted ornamental tree, and not one that is worthy of a Tree Preservation Order, therefore consent is recommended.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 18/12/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 18/12/20