Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0393/10 **Recommendation – Approve (no TPO to be made)**

Site: **27 Brunswick Road, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WA**

Proposal: **Fell Sycamore and Laburnum and crown reduce Willow by 30% in rear garden (6 weeks prior notice of works to trees in a Conservation Area)**

The Application

A section 211 notice has been submitted giving six weeks prior notice of the intention to undertake works to trees consisting of a sycamore, laburnum and willow at the rear of the shop at 27 Brunswick Road. This work involves the felling of felling and removing of the sycamore and laburnum and reducing the crown of the willow by 30%.

The sycamore is on the boundary with No.29 close to the back of the buildings and the others are located on the rear boundary next to the path. The trees are overhanging the boundary and shading the garden areas. None of the trees is visible from the road.

Consultations and Representations

Adur District Council: The Assistant Parks officer has no objection. He states that the sycamore (6m-8m) is multi-stemmed and too close to the building for it to be practicable for it to be retained. The laburnum is insignificant and shaded by the willow. The latter is the tallest and most significant tree (8m-10m) and crown reduction by 30% is acceptable.

Third Parties: No comments received.

Relevant Planning Policies and Guidance

Adopted Adur District Local Plan 1993-2006 (ADC 1996) (saved policies): AB23
Design Bulletin No.1 ‘Trees and Landscaping’ (ADC 1996)
‘Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice’ (DETR 2000)

Planning Assessment

Local Plan policy AB23 states that Tree Preservation Orders will be made to safeguard existing trees in the District where their loss would have an adverse effect on the existing and future environment and its enjoyment by the public.

The trees are all somewhat overgrown and are sited within the rear garden of 27 Brunswick Road. They are not visible from Brunswick Road but can be

seen from the side of Buckingham Arms and to the rear. The loss of the sycamore and laburnum are not considered to have a significant negative impact on the Conservation Area. The other works proposed, to reduce the crown of the willow by 30%, are not considered to affect its amenity value but, in any event, the willow tree is also not considered worthy of a TPO.

Recommendation

Do not make a TPO.

Case Officer: Abi Onabanjo Date: 5 November 2010