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Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0400/10 **Recommendation – Permit Application**

Site: **43 West Street Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5WF**

Proposal: **Reduce/thin canopy of Prunus SP.by 15% and reduce canopy of Prunus C. by 10% (both in rear garden of No.43) and reduce canopy of Silver Birch by 15% (in rear garden of No.41) (6 weeks prior notice of works to trees in a Conservation Area)**

The Application

An application has been submitted, giving six weeks prior notice of the intention to reduce the crown spread of three trees within the rear gardens of 41 and 43 West Street, within the Shoreham Conservation Area. The proposed works are to reduce and thin the canopy of one Prunus by up to 15% and to reduce the canopy of another Prunus by up to 10% at 43 West Street and to reduce the canopy of a Silver Birch within the garden of No.41 West Street by up to 15%.

Consultations and Representations

Consultations/Comments

Adur District Council: The Council's Assistant Parks Manager has stated that all three trees are in the rear garden and not easily seen from a highway. They are also of a species that react well to pruning. Consequently, he recommends that the works be permitted.

Third Parties

No representations 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)

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Planning Assessment

Policies

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.

Assessment of Trees

The trees are all in the rear gardens of 41 and 43 West Street and are not visible from the street. The works will result only in a reduction in the crown spread which will not harm the overall health or appearance of the trees. It is not considered that a TPO is justified or necessary on this occasion.

Recommendation

Do not make TPO.

Case Officer Peter Barnett Date 18 November 2010