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Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0056/10 **Recommendation – No objection**

Site: **28 Church Street Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**

Proposal: **Reduce height of silver birch tree by 2m (6 weeks prior notification of works to tree in Conservation Area)**

The Application

A Section 211 notification has been submitted giving six weeks prior notice of the intention to reduce the height of a Silver Birch by 2 metres. The tree is visible within the street scene when viewed from Middle Street. A similar application was submitted in October 2008 for this tree to be reduced in height by 3 metres, (ADC/0517/08.) The tree has responded well to the work although since this time it has become very tall and therefore height reduction is required retaining the basic form of the crown. The tree is currently growing directly below a telephone distribution pole, with branches entangling into phone lines.

Third Parties: - No third party representations have been received.

Adur District Council: - The Assistant Park Manager states that the tree is in reasonable condition the main crown is sparse with only a small frame work of branches. Although the tree can be seen from the highway (Middle Street) reduction works would not significantly reduce its amenity contribution to the area. Recommend above works be permitted.

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

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.

Trees

The tree is visible within the street scene and surrounding area, it is in reasonable condition. It is considered that the reduction in height by up to 2 metres would not significantly reduce its amenity contribution to the area.

Recommendation

Do not make TPO

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