

Application Number **AWDM/0507/26**

Address **Land opposite 34 Albert Road Southwick West Sussex**

Proposal **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53-1-92 of 1992 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, and remove basal growth and deadwood one Sycamore tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Sycamore located in a small verge to the south of where Albert Road has a right turn, adjacent to the low boundary wall of the sheltered accommodation of Marsh House. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, crown lift and remove basal growth and deadwood one Sycamore tree T1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

2014: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Ash (Street tree) in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Sycamore growing in a small verge front rear grounds garden adjacent to the junction of Road, south Farm Road and Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.8 metres, where it then divides into two stems, the stem to the east being the larger that persists to 12 metres before dividing again. The slightly smaller west stem extends to within 1 to 2 metres of the top. The first limbs emerge from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, and remove basal growth and deadwood. The reduction works are relatively high due to concerns regarding fruiting bodies (*Ganoderma*) at the base, and are intended to reduce weight in the crown. The crown lifting and other works are for general 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

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Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. 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: 12/06/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 12/6/26