Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/10/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/1378/19**
Address	**14 Waterdyke Avenue Southwick West Sussex BN42 4DF**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell Cherry tree in front garden in Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 03/09/19

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature located near the northern boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of Waterdyke Avenue. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell the tree.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of abating nuisance, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: Letter sent to Adur District Conservation Advisory Group, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized mature Cherry, growing in the small front garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Cherry tree has a single stem to 1 metre where it then divides into several, with two main stems that each have been formatively reduced at 2.5 metres. The secondary limbs are mostly small and over extended, with the main boles being directly in front of the lower floor window. The crown is dense at the centre, becoming sparse further out, and with some defoliation on the outmost sections to the top and south.

The proposed works are to fell the tree. The removal of the tree is proposed for reasons of safety, light issues and amenity value.

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 it is not considered that the tree is suitable for a Tree Preservation Order, due to its location and overall poor condition.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 04/10/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 4/10/19