Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/02/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/1774/14**
Address	**1 Southdown Road Southwick BN42 4FT**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/93 (SW) of 1993 to reduce one large limb on eastside by up to 4 metres on one Holm Oak tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 06/01/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one Holm Oak tree in the front garden of 1 Southdown Road Southwick. The trees are part of an established group of trees, which are part of in the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce one limb close to the neighbouring building of The Croft, by up to 4 metres.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

1993: Adur District Council Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/93 (SW) of 1993 confirmed 05/04/1993.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Holm Oak that is an established feature of the area, and makes a significant contribution to the character of the Southwick Conservation Area.

The tree has a single massive stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into three large diameter stems, and several smaller secondary stems. The main crown id relatively open and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce one arching stem on the east side of the tree by up to 4 metres. This work is to abate nuisance to the adjacent building of The Croft, and will maintain the shape and outline of the eastside of the crown.

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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application, only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA, 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: 04/02/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 4.2.15