Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/06/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/0810/17**
Address	**21 Church Lane Southwick BN42 4GB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/2/01 (SW) of 2001 to re-pollard to original points one Ash tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 31/05/17

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Ash tree on the western boundary of the front garden, adjacent to the driveway from Church Lane. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard the crown back to its original points.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

2001: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/2/01(SW) of 2001 of confirmed on 020/03/201904.

2001: Felling Of Multi-Stemmed Ash Tree Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/01 (SW) And Replacement With Alternative. Refused, Appeal Dismissed.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized Ash growing in the front garden, of Church Lane Southwick, which is a narrow road connecting Kingston Lane in the west to the junction with Southwick Green and St Michaels Church to the east. The road has many trees, mostly on its northern side with the older buildings and features of the Conservation Area. The tree is a part of the sylvan character of the road and the Southwick Conservation Area.

The tree has twin stems from ground level that are closely forked to 3 metres, where they begin to separate, with both stems having been initially pollarded at 5 metres. The re-growth has produced a high narrow crown formed of multiple slender upright stems.

The proposed works are to re-pollard the tree back to the previous points. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, and continue with the previous management regime.

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. 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: 22/06/2017

Authorised by: PD Date: 4.7.17