Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/11/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1625/17**
Address	**30 Southdown Road Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5AN**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height and radial growth by 1-2 metres and crown thin by 10% one Cherry Tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 07/11/17

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 Cherry tree growing near the southwest corner of the front garden adjacent to the entrance steps from the pavement of Southdown Road Shoreham. 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 reduce the crown height and spread and to crown thin the tree.

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

1971: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. ***this charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

2012: Crown reduction by 1.8 m T1(Flowering Cherry) to original pruning points; fell and grub out T2 (Robina Frisia), giving 6 weeks notice for works to trees in a Conservation Area

Planning Assessment

The flowering Cherry (T1) is set towards the middle of the front garden where it has decorative value, and adds amenity to the surrounding area. The street itself is tree lined with large, more structural specimens which add formality to the street, which has a mixed character of architecture within it. The tree has a single stem to 1.2 metres, where a large secondary stem emerges. The main central stem continues to 2.5 metres where it then divides into several smaller stems and laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce the height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres and to crown thin by up to 10%. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through 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 Shoreham Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 29/11/2017

Authorised by: PB Date: 30/11/2017