**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 25/09/13**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/0902/13** | **Recommendation** | **Approve Refuse** |
| **Site Address:** | **1 Elm Close Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GP** | | |
| **Proposal:** | **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/70 (su) to crown reduce overall by up to 2 metres one Holm Oak tree** | | |

**Date of site visit:** 22/08/13

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a single mature Holm Oak tree in the rear garden of 1 Elm Close Shoreham-by-Sea. The tree has been maintained as a formal upright shaped crown, which differs from surrounding trees and other Holm Oaks in Elm Close.

Consent is sought to continue the existing maintenance regime and reduce the overall height and spread of the tree by up to 2 metres to retain its form.

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

**Consultations:** None

**Representations:** None received.

**Relevant Planning History**

1970: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/70 (SU) confirmed on 15/05/1970.

1992: Lopping Of 3 Evergreen Oak Trees (Subject To Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

1994: Lop and Top 2 Silver Birches, 1 Thorn, 2 Monterey Cypress, 1 Leylandii And 1 Holm Oak and Fell 1 Leylandii

2002: Works To Holm Oak, Silver Birch & Hawthorn Trees Subject To Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

2008: Reduction (by 25%) of holm oak tree subject to Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a mature medium sized tree around 12 metres tall that has a dense crown and multiple stems from ground level. There are several areas where large limbs have been removed, the resulting callousing over is strong and the inner wood has not decayed.

The tree provides a back drop to the other trees in the area, and is contributing to the appearance of Elm Close.

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 the appearance, or the amenity value of the tree.

**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: 25/09/2013

Authorised by: PD Date:25.9.13