Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/08/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/1118/18**
Address	**6 Spinnals Grove Southwick West Sussex BN42 4DU**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce by 2m and crown thin by 20% one Sycamore tree (T2 on plan) within the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 07/08/18

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small early mature located near the centre of the northern boundary between numbers 5 and 6 Spinals Grove. The tree is visible from the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, and crown thin up to 20%.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1977: The Kingston Buci Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town AND Country Amenities Act 1974 by Adur District Council on the 13th April 1977.

2008: Thinning and reduction (including felling of 1 within group) of sycamore trees subject to TPO 162/1/87/SW and works to other trees within Conservation Area.

2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 162/1/87/SW to crown reduce by up to 2m and crown thin by 20% to one Sycamore tree (T1).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature growing in the front garden. The tree is visible from Spinals Grove, and a part of the area.

The Sycamore tree T1 has a single stem to 1.5 metres, where it divides into 3 to 4 stems that are clear to 3 metres and have each been “lopped” at 3.25 metres. The resulting re-growth is several clusters of tall slender poles that mostly persist to the top of the crown and support several smaller

laterals. The main crown is dense in places and mostly compact with few branches extending as far as 2 metres in width.

The proposed works are to reduce by up to 2 metres and crown thin up to 20%.

These works are somewhat over estimated on the reduction as the tree is not wide enough to reduce by 2 metres. However the application describes works to contain the spread of the tree by reducing to the boundary fence line. As the tree would not be considered for protection it is recommended the works are permitted.

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 Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 29/08/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 29/8/18