Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 02/02/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1776/22**
Address	**73 Downsway Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres and crown lift up to 2.5 metres one Acer tree T26.**

Date of site visit: 30/11/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized Acer located near the centre of the front garden adjacent to the entrance driveway and pavement of Downsway. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and crown lift.

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

2000: Adur Tree Preservation order Number No.13.53/2/00(SU) of 2000 confirmed on 15/01/2001

2003: Crown Lift & Crown Thin Acer Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/00/Su)

2004: 30% Crown Reduction & 10% Reshape/Thinning Of Acer Tree Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/00/Su.

2020: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/00(SU) to fell and replace one Acer tree T26.Refused.

2023: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/00(SU) to fell and replace one Acer tree. Appeal Dismissed 23/01/23.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Acer, growing in the front garden adjacent to the driveway and pavement, close to the junction of Downsway and Saxons. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Acer tree T26 has several stems from near ground level. The two stems emerge with included bark from ground level that each divides at 0.75 metres and again at 2 metres. The main scaffold stems are ascending in a tight array and support many smaller laterals from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging secondary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres and crown lift up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and allow access beneath 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 area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. 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: 02/02/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 3/2/23