Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 11/04/14**

Application Number **AWDM/0259/14**

Site Address: **7 Church Lane Southwick BN42 4GD**

Proposal: **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres and reduce crown height by up to 3 metres on one Beech in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 08/04/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Beech tree in the rear garden of the property. The tree is mature and 13-15 metres tall, but is only partially visible from the public highway.

Consent is sought to reduce the crown height by up to 3 metres.

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: Southwick Conservation Area designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas: Manor House, The Green and Church Lane.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a mature medium sized tree growing in the rear garden of 7 Church Lane Southwick. Although a relatively tall tree, it is only partially visible from public areas.

The management of this tree has created a tall tree with numerous thin to slender stems emerging from a main trunk at around 4 metres. The proposed works are to reduce the crown height by up to 3 metres, would be to continue this work.

These works in my opinion would be high in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, but 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. 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: 11/04/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 11.4.14