Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 25/07/16**

Application Number	**AWDM/0671/16**
Address	**5 Eastern Avenue Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6PD**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/3/07 (SU) of 2007 to remove one selected lateral limb on the south side back to the main bole of one Poplar tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 06/05/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Poplar tree to the south of the car parking area of the retail unit of 5 Eastern Avenue Shoreham-by-Sea. The tree is part of an established group of trees on a steep incline adjacent to the pavement of Eastern Avenue. The trees are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to remove one selected limb back to the southern stem of the twin stemmed Poplar 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

2007: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/3/07 (SU) of 2007 confirmed on 30/10/07.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a part of a number of trees that line the northern side of The Ham, and screen the retail parking area. The trees are prominent in the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

The Polar tree T3 is twin stemmed from ground level, with the north stem being upright and the southern stem extending towards the carriage way at an angle, which corrects at 3.5 to 4 metres. Both stems are clear to 6 metres, where the high dense crown forms.

The proposed works are to reduce a single lateral limb on the southern side of the south stem. The works are to help clear the footpath and carriageway and to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. 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: 25/07/2016

Authorised by: PD Date: 26.7.16