

Application Number **AWDM/0187/26**

Address **Street Record The Cotswolds Southwick West Sussex**

Proposal **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Laburnum tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 16/02/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Laburnum tree located on the southern side of the entrance to The Cotswold, on a small grass verge adjacent to 3 The Barn The Green Southwick. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Laburnum tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas 'The Green and Church Lane' area covered all buildings surrounding The Green and including the buildings on the corners of Cross Road, Roman Crescent, Southdown Road, Southwick Square, The Twitten, Watling Road, Victoria Road/Park Lane, Albert Road and Oldfield Crescent, together with all the buildings within Waterdyke Avenue.

2017: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 2017 confirmed on 18/09/2017.

2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2017 to reduce and re-shape crown by 1-1.5m (15%). Remove or cut back low branches to give a 3m clearance from ground level to one Whitebeam (T1).

2021: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2017 to crown lift up to 2 metres, one Whitebeam tree T2.

2026: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2017 to crown thin by up to 15% Acer tree T3, and crown lift up to 3 metres one Whitebeam T4.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Laburnum growing in a grass verge north of 3 The Barn The Green Southwick, within the Conservation Area. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single westward leaning stem to 1.8 metres where it then divides into several upright stems. The first laterals emerge from 1.4 metres. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with mostly dead branches.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to poor condition.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and an amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

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: 16/03/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 17/3/26