

**Application Number**                      **AWDM/0132/26**

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

**Proposal**                                      **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.**

**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 two trees growing in the grass verge adjacent to the road of The Cotswolds, a small immature Whitebeam located near the centre of the northern boundary and a slightly larger older Acer on the western boundary. The trees are 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 crown thin the Acer tree T3, and to crown lift the Whitebeam T4.

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

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

**Representations:** None received.

### **Relevant Planning History**

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

### **Planning Assessment**

The trees are two small immatures, Whitebeam T1 and Acer T3 growing in the grass verges to the west and north of The Cotswolds. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

### Acer T3

This tree has a straight single stem to 3 metres, where it divides into several upright smaller stems that support laterals from 3.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to crown thin by up to 15%. The works are to allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

### Whitebeam T4

The Whitebeam tree is located to the north of the road, close to the rear entrance gate of 73 The Green Southwick. The tree has a single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into several stems, with the first laterals emerging from 2 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 3 metres. The works are to allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the Southwick Conservation 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: 16/03/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 17/3/26