Expiry Date - 13/09/2010

Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0261/10 **Recommendation – Permit Application**

Site: **14 Downsway Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GN**

Proposal: **Lift crown (by 2m over garage and garden to west) and remove epicormic growth of lime tree (subject to TPO 13.53/2/00/SU)**

The Application

The site is located within a residential area on the east side of Downsway in Shoreham-by-Sea. The application relates to a Lime tree to the front of no. 14 Downsway which is subject to Tree Preservation Order 13.53/2/00SU.

Permission is sought to lift the crown of the tree and remove epicormic growth.

Consultations and Representations

Third Parties: - No third party representations have been received.

Jeremy Sergeant: - Recommend that works are permitted to crown lift all round up to 4-5 metres and remove epicormic growth.

Relevant Planning Policies and Guidance

Adopted Adur District Local Plan 1993-2006 (ADC 1996) (saved policies): AB23
Design Bulletin No.1 'Trees and Landscaping' (ADC 1996)
'Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice' (DETR 2000)

Planning Assessment

Policies

Local Plan policy AB23 states that Tree Preservation Orders will be made to safeguard existing trees in the District where their loss would have an adverse effect on the existing and future environment and its enjoyment by the public.

Tree

The Lime tree is clearly visible within the street scene and surrounding area and is of significant amenity value. It is estimated that the tree is 60 years old and in excess of 18 metres tall. The tree is healthy with no obvious signs of

damage or decay. There does appear to have been some damage to the main trunk however this has completely callused over. It is recommended that the works are permitted to balance the appearance of the tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Subject to: -

1. C1Ciii
2. C11M
3. The following works are hereby approved: -

   Lime Tree – Crown lift all round up to 4-5 metres (as measured from ground level) and remove epicormic growth.
   Reason: - In the interests of amenity and to comply with policy AB23 of the Adur District Local Plan.

Case Officer Hannah Barker Date 19/8/10