Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 25/05/16**

Application Number	**AWDM/0584/16**
Address	**55 Southwick Street Southwick BN42 4TH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Holly tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 04/05/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small Holly tree to the southwest of the front garden adjacent to a boundary wall (now demolished) that borders an entrance drive way.

The tree is a part of in the street scene and makes a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell the tree, with no obligation for a replacement.

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

Consultations: The Adur District Conservation Advisory Group, unanimously agreed to the approval of this application.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

2015: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres one Ash tree T1, and to fell one Sycamore tree T2 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature growing in a confined location in front garden adjacent to the southern boundary wall.

The tree is single stemmed to 3 metres, with several small secondary stems emerging from ground level. The main stem divides at 3 metres, into several moderately wide spreading stems. The tree is heavily covered by long established Ivy, which has a distorted form due to the large diameter lengths of Ivy deep within the main crown. Only rather drastic works to pollard the tree could see it being retain, such works would not create a tree suitable for a Tree Preservation Order.

The proposed works are to remove the tree.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number size and form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, amenity value or character of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation: *Grant Consent*

Reason: *in the interest of visual amenity*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 25/05/2016

Authorised by: PD Date: 25.5.16