Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 20/03/19**

Application Number	**AWDM/0165/19**
Address	**36 Buckingham Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5UB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Shoreham Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/4/00/SU to fell T2 Weeping Willow in rear garden.**

Date of site visit: 21/02/19

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Weeping Willow tree growing in the northeast corner of the rear garden of 36 Buckingham Road, adjacent to the low rise building of 40 The Martlets, and the unpaved side of the Martlets. The tree is are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One Representation from nearby neighbour making an observation that the tree did not recover from the initial Pollarding received in 2016, and generally in support of the proposal.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/4/00(SU) of 2000 confirmed on 21/08/01.

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/00 (SU) of 2000 to fell and replace one Weeping Willow tree T2. Refused.

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/00 (SU) of 2000 to initiate pollard at 7 metres from highest points and associated works to one Weeping Willow tree T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large early mature growing in the northeast corner of the rear garden, close to the junction of Nicolson Drive and The Martlets, it is single stemmed to 1 metre, where it then divides into 3 main stems. The west stem divides into 2 at 4 metres, the central stems divides at 3.75 metres and the east stem at 3.5. The main stem to the east is angled southward correcting in the upper limbs to a more upright form. The tree was previously pollarded at crown 7 metres, which is standard works for a Weeping Willow of this size and age. However since these works were carried out the re-growth

has been poor, and severe decay in the base of the tree below the root buttress has become apparent.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to low vigour and severe decay in the root plate that compromises the stability of the tree.

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

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1 Proposed felling of the Weeping Willow tree T2 identified on the applicants plan as T1, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

2 If within five years following replanting, any of the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replaced tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 20/03/2019

Authorised by: PB Date: 20/3/19