Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1269/25**
Address	**3 The Green Southwick West Sussex BN42 4DE**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and crown thin 20% one Fig tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 04/11/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small immature Fig tree located near the southwest corner of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and to crown thin the tree.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of 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

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.

2013: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce by 2m and to crown thin by up 10% 2 Sycamore trees, and to fell 1 lime in the Southwick Conservation area.

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce back to previous reduction points (approximately 2m all round canopy) to Sycamores T1, T2 and T3 all of which lie within the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature Fig growing in the front garden close to the junction of The Green and Waterdyke Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.4 metres where it divides into four main stems, with an equal sized secondary stem that emerges from 1.2 metres. The stems each arch outward to form a wide array. The first laterals emerge from 3 metres, some with remaining friuts. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and crown thin 20%. The works are to contain the size of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

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

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 23/01/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 23/1/26