Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: **AWDM/1155/12**

Recommendation – Permit

Site: **30 Southdown Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5AN**

Proposal: **Crown reduction by 1.8 m T1(Flowering Cherry) to original pruning points; fell and grub out T2 (Robina Frisia), giving 6 weeks notice for works to trees in a Conservation Area**

Date of site visit: 26.09.12 (partial) Parks to view rear.

Proposal

Permission is sought for a crown reduction of 1.8m from all sides to a flowering cherry tree (T1) within the front garden of this semi-detached 1940's house, to the east side of Southdown Road. Permission is also sought for the felling of a Robina (T2) in the rear garden which it is stated is dead.

The house is located on the east side of the road, within a tree-lined residential area, comprised of large detached houses on the east side of the road, and terraces of Victorian houses on the west. The application site is within the most northern part of the conservation area and backs onto the rear garden of No.7 Mill Lane.

Consultations

Adur and Worthing Councils: The Assistant Parks Manager states that the Cherry (T1) is in generally good health with no major signs of damage or decay. The small Robina (T2) tree in rear garden is in decline. There is a small amount of foliage low down on the tree. The amount of dead branches would make it impractical to retain this tree.

Adur District Conservation Advisory Group: No objection providing Parks Inspector is satisfied.

Representations

Third parties: None received.

Relevant Planning Legislation

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (section 211)
British Standard BS 3998 (2010) "Recommendations for Tree Works."
Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice (DoE 2000)

Planning Assessment

Affect on the Conservation Area Trees

The flowering Cherry (T1) is approximately 5m in height and has a similar crown spread. It is set towards the middle of the garden and has decorative value, and adds amenity to the surrounding conservation area. The street itself is tree lined with large, more structural specimens which add formality to the street, which has a mixed character of architecture within it. It is considered that the proposed works would not have an adverse impact on the long term health of the tree or on the amenity value that it has.

The tree to the rear is not visible from the street, and the parks officer has stated that it is in decline. The rear garden serving the adjacent property, No.7 Mill Lane, is very mature with its own trees which screen the Robina to be felled. It is considered that felling of the tree is the most appropriate action.

Recommendation

Do not make TPO.

1. The following works are hereby approved:

   T1 Flowering Cherry - Crown reduction by 1.8m off all sides to original pruning points.

   T2 Robina Frisia – Fell to ground level and grind out stump.

Case Officer: C. Hone Date: 26.10.12.

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 13 Nov 2012