Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/11/20**

Application Number	**AWDM/1623/20**
Address	**The Rectory, 22 Church Lane Southwick West Sussex BN42 4GD**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove one Elm tree (T1) within the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 03/11/20

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large early mature located near the northeast corner of the Church Hall, between the boundary wall and the car parking area. 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 fell the tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to Adur Conservation Area Advice Group, who had not responded as of 09/11/20.

Representations: No representations received as of 13/11/20.

Relevant Planning History

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

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell Elm tree (T1).

2020: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres two False Acacia trees T2 and T3 and to fell and replace one Sycamore tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large early mature growing in a small border to the east of the church hall and north of the car parking area. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into two parallel upright stems, with the first significant sized secondary laterals emerging from 6 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals. The crown is completely defoliated with the main branches beginning to shed bark.

The proposed works are to fell the tree, which died earlier this season, possibly from Dutch Elm Disease.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 13/11/2020

Authorised by: PB Date: 13/11/20