Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 17/10/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1131/23**
Address	**1 Elm Close Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GP**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/70 (SU) to reduce height and radial growth by up to 3 to 4 metres and crown thin by up to 10% one Holm Oak T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/09/233

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Holm Oak located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce height and radial spread and to crown thin.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1970: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/70 (SU) confirmed on 15/05/1970.

1992: Lopping Of 3 Evergreen Oak Trees (Subject To Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

1994: Lop and Top 2 Silver Birches, 1 Thorn, 2 Monterey Cypress, 1 Leylandii And 1 Holm Oak and Fell 1 Leylandii

2002: Works To Holm Oak, Silver Birch & Hawthorn Trees Subject To Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

2008: Reduction (by 25%) of holm oak tree subject to Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

2013: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/70 (su) to crown reduce overall by up to 2 metres one Holm Oak tree

2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/70 (SU) to reduce height and radial growth by 3m and crown thin by 10% one Holm Oak.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Holm Oak growing in the rear garden of 1 Elm Close. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The tree provides a backdrop to other trees in Elm Close, and contributes to the appearance of the area.

The tree has been maintained as a formal upright shaped crown, which differs from surrounding trees and other Holm Oaks in Elm Close. The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level with three main stems that each begin to divide from 3 to 6 metres. There are several areas where large limbs have been removed, the resulting callusing over is strong and the inner wood has not decayed. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread, with mostly secondary re-growth.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 to 4 metres and crown thin by up to 10%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown 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 area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 17/10/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 17/10/23