Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/10/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/1552/21**
Address	**6a Fairview Road Lancing West Sussex BN15 0PA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53-1-09 (S) of 2009 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres two Holly (H1 & H2) and one Yew (Y1) of group G6.**

Date of site visit: 08/10/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three small to medium early matures located near the northwest corner of the rear garden. The trees are a part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread on two Holly: H1 & H2 and one Yew Y1 of group G6.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who stated that they were neither objecting to or supporting the application.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/2/06(L) of 2006 confirmed on 07/03/07.

2009: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/1/09(L) of 2009 confirmed on 05/01/10

2014: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/09 (L) to fell two Holly trees, reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres of three Holly trees, reduce crown height by up to 3 to 4 metres of one Yew tree, crown lift up to 5 metres and remove specified limbs to open crown on one Horse Chestnut tree and one Sycamore tree, all of group G6. Crown lift by up to 5 metres five Ash trees and 2 Sycamore trees of group G2. Fell one Ash tree, crown lift by up to 5 metres and remove damaged stem of one Ash tree both in group G1. Crown thin by up to 15% two Sycamore trees T5 and T6, reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 1 metre on one Holly tree T1 and reduce radial spread by up to 1 - 1.5 metres on lower crown of one Yew tree T8.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/06(L)of 2006 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2-3 metres, and crown thin 10% one Ash T2 and one Sycamore T1, crown thin 10% five Ash T4 T5 T7 T9 & T10, crown lift up to 7 metres and crown thin 20% two Sycamore trees T8 and T11, crown thin and prune to separate Sycamore T13 and Ash T14 and fell and replace two Ash trees T3 and T6.

2020: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/09 (L) to reduce crown heights between 1.5m to 5m, reduce radial spread by up 1.5m to 3m, and crown thin up to 15% 7 ash trees: 3 within group G1, 2 within group G2 and 2 within group G3, and to reduce crown height by up to 2m, reduce radial spread up to 2.5m, and crown thin up to 15% to 1 sycamore tree within group G1.

Planning Assessment

The trees are mostly small early matures growing in the rear garden of the recently built bungalow. The rear garden is a more informal area with many trees up to the northern boundary. The trees are part of the area, can be seen from many residential dwellings and make a contribution to the local character. The trees are:

Holly H1
This is a small mature tree with a single slender stem that is clear to 4 metres, and persists to within 2 metres of the top. The stem is curved from 0.5 metres, with a large secondary emerging from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

Holly H2
The Holly tree H2 is a slightly smaller tree with a curved stem that is clear to 3 metres, and divides into two at 2.5 metres. The main crown is slightly more open than H1 with a more compact habit.

Yew Y1
This is a larger more mature tree that has a compound stem that begins to divide from 5 metres, where the many stems form a wide array, with foliage from ground level. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works to all three trees are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass around their crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: JES Date: 13/10/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 13/10/21