Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 03/09/14**

Application Number **AWDM/1058/14**

Site Address: **19 Roman Crescent Southwick BN42 4TY**

Proposal: **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce height by up to 3.5 metres one Sycamore tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 02/09/14

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Sycamore tree, growing adjacent to a garden building along the east boundary of the rear garden between 19 and 21 Roman Crescent.

Consent is sought to reduce the crown height by up to 3.5 metres, so as to re-pollard to the original points.

The reasons for the works are primarily for amenity value.

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas: Manor House, The Green and Church Lane. The area was extended in 1979 to include buildings on the North side of Roman Crescent.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature tree growing in the rear garden of 19 Roman Crescent. The tree is not visible from the public Highway, and does not make a contribution to the visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

The tree is 8 to 9 metres tall, with multiple stems forming a bushy top, which is on a single stem to 4 metres. The crown is top heavy with a cluster of small shoots emerging close to the top of the tree. The proposed works are to reduce the tree by up to 3.5 metres, which will re- pollard the tree. This may create a better formed crown when re-growth has begun.

It is recommended that felling be permitted.

These works in my opinion would be minor in relation to the overall number, and size of trees in the area would not noticeably affect the amenity value of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application, only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA, 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: 03/09/2014

Authorised by: PD Date: 3.9.14