Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 0/0/15**

Application Number	**AWDM/0309/15**
Address	**53a Southwick Street Southwick BN42 4TH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres on two Sycamore trees T1, and T2 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 05/03/15

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two trees in the rear garden of 53a Southwick Street Southwick, which is a single concealed dwelling behind properties in Southwick Street, The Green and Roman Crescent. The two Sycamore trees are located in the rear garden, T1 is in its South east corner behind 49 Southwick Street, and T2 is in the middle of the gardens western boundary. The trees are not visible from the public road but are both adjacent to the through driveway that serves the small cluster of properties between the three roads.

The trees are part of a group of trees, in the area, which make a small contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce both trees by up to 4 metres in height and radial spread.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, light issues.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

Planning Assessment

The trees are two small to medium sized young trees growing in the rear garden of 53a Southwick Street, close to the access drive of the adjacent properties. Both trees are part of a line of trees shrubs and hedging that extends around the boundary of 53a Southwick Street.

The trees are both single stemmed to 3-4 metres, were the main stems then divide into multiple slender stems which each divide again to the top of the crowns. The crowns of the two trees are each mostly upright, and compact, with few low hanging lateral limbs.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 4 metres on both trees. This to bring their height and spread into line with the existing mixed border of trees and hedges. Due to the location size and form of the trees they would not be considered for a Tree Preservation Order, therefore it is recommended that permission is given.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number size, and form of trees I the vicinity and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, amenity value or character 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: 27/03/2015

Authorised by: PD Date: 8.7.15