Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/03/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0196/21**
Address	**53 Southdown Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5AL**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to re-pollard back to previous pollard points one Sycamore tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 19/02/21

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 Ash located near the Southeast corner of the front garden adjacent to the entrance driveway from Southdown Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard back to previous pollard points.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. ***this charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing between the front garden and the shingle driveway adjacent to the pavement of Southdown Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Ash tree has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres, where it divides into two. The Southeast stem divides into three at 4 metres, with the northwest stem persisting to 6 metres, where it divides into two. All stems have been previously pollarded at 6 to 7 metres, with around 5 to 6 metres of re-growth. The stems have begun to form some large knuckles, and the stems have several areas of decay and some cavities. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended stems.

The proposed works are to re-pollard to previous points, to contain the size and spread of the tree and continue with the established management regime.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, but in the long term will not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 15/03/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 16/3/21