Expires 23/9/07

Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: ADC/0471/07 **Recommendation – Permit Application**

Site: **Area 7 Southlands Hospital Upper Shoreham Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**

Proposal: **40-50% crown reduction of one Aesculus Hippocastanum shown as tree T-858 on plan (TPO 13.53/2/93(SU)**

The Application

This application seeks permission to crown reduce a Horse Chestnut tree by up to 50 percent. This tree is marked as T-858 on the plans and as T44 under TPO 13.53/2/93(SU). It is located adjacent to an access road and hospital building central within the Southlands Hospital site.

Consultations and Representations

Consultations/Comments

Jeremy Sergeant	Recommends works be permitted.

Third Parties

No representations have been received.

Contributors

No representations have been received.

Relevant Planning Policies and Guidance

Adur District Local Plan: AG1, AB24
West Sussex Structure Plan: DEV1

Planning Assessment

The tree in question is a large Horse Chestnut located next to a car park, a hospital building, and the Southlands Hospital redevelopment site. A neighbouring Horse Chestnut was removed in 2006 due to sever decay and, under the same request, it was approved that this tree should be crown reduced by up to 30 percent. This work was never carried out.
Jeremy Sergeant has examined the tree and notes that there are now extensive signs of decay on the east side of this tree that are affecting the root system and buttresses on this part of the tree. Standard practice is to reduce the weight and sail effect of the crown.
It is therefore recommended that a crown reduction of up to 50 percent, as requested, is approved along with a 2.5 metre crown lift on the east side where vehicular access is required.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Subject to:

1. C1Ciii: (standard TPO time limit)
2. C11M: (prior notification of works)

Case Officer:.....

Date: 31/8/07.

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