Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/11/13**

Application Number **AWDM/1215/13**

Site Address; **Romans Residential Home 1 Roman Road Southwick**

Proposal **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell 2 Apple trees and to undertake selective pruning surgery to 2 Holly, 3 Holm Oaks, 2 Cherry, 1 Hawthorn, 1Lime, 2 Sycamore, 1 Laurel, 1 Maple and 2 mixed groups in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 15/10/13

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application relates to a total of protected 33 trees within the site, highlighted in red on the submitted plan. The application seeks consent to carry out the following tree works:

Ref	Species	Location on Site	Proposed works
T2	Holly	Southern boundary	Crown lift up to 1 Metre and crown reduce radial spread up to 0.5 metres
T3	Holm Oak	Southern boundary	Crown lift up to 1.5 metres and crown reduce radial spread up to 0.5 metres
T6	Cherry	Western boundary	Crown lift up to 2 metres
T7	Apple	Western boundary	Fell
T8	Apple	Western boundary	Fell
T10	Holly	Western boundary	Reduce radial Spread by up to 0.5 metre reduce height up to 2 m
T12	Hawthorne	Northern boundary	Clear building by up to 1 metre
T14	Lime	Eastern boundary	Cut back to 1 metre above previous pollard points
T15	Sycamore	Eastern boundary	Cut back to 1 metre above previous pollard points
T16	Sycamore	Eastern boundary	Cut back to 1 metre above previous pollard points
T18	Laurel	Southern boundary	Crown lift up to 2 metres
T20	Maple	Southern boundary	Crown lift up to 2 metres
T21	Cherry	Southern boundary	Crown lift up to 2 metre reduce crown spread on northern aspect up to 2 metres
G1	Mixed Group	Western boundary	Reduce to clear boundary by up to 1 metre
G2	Mixed Group	Western boundary	Reduce to clear pavement by up to 0.5 metres

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

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was designated in June 1976

1991: Adur Tree Preservation order Number Tpo 13.53/1/91 (SW) confirmed on 21/11/1991.

1996: Crown reduction of Beech, Holy, Prunus and Holm Oak trees Subject To Tpo 13.53/1/91 (SW) Application Permitted

2002: Works to Beech, Holly, Prunus, And Holm Oak trees subject to Tpo 13.53/1/91 (SW) Application Permitted

2009: Reduction of limbs (on north and east sides) of Beech tree (subject to TPO 13/53/1/91/SW) Application Permitted

Planning Assessment

The most prominent trees are the large mature pollards T14 – Lime and T15 & T6 Sycamore. These three trees are on the Eastern boundary of the site adjacent to Roman Road. Having been pollarded several times the continuation of these works is unavoidable.

The next most prominent tree is the Maple T20 which is a tall mature tree with a slender stem. The works requested to this tree is to crown lift to 2 metres.

The two trees to be felled are two common Apple trees which are in poor condition and contribute little to the area.

The proposed works to all of these trees are, in my opinion relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, or the amenity value of the trees or the 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: 19.11.2013

Authorised by: PD Date: 19.11.13