Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/04/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/0252/17**
Address	**1 North Street Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5DJ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread on lower north side by up to 1 metre one Sweet Chestnut tree T1 in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 13/03/17

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized early mature Sweet Chestnut tree growing in the north east corner of the front garden adjacent to the junction with Middle Street. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to the north side of the tree.

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

1993: The property is within the 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.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized early mature growing in the front rear garden. The tree is visible from North Street, Middle Street and Pond Road, and makes a contribution to the character of the area.

The tree has single stem single stem to 3.5 metres, where it then divides into two. The larger central stem persists to 6 metres where it then divides again several times to the top of the crown. The second main stem is more lateral and extends northeast with a wide spreading separate spire.

The proposed works are to reduce the radial spread of the crown to the north and northeast by up to 1 metre. This is to contain the size and spread of the crown.

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Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 07/04/2017

Authorised by: PD Date: 26.5.17