Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 21/08/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1123/17**
Address	**6 Roman Crescent Southwick**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Conifer tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 27/07/17

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small immature Leylandii tree growing directly adjacent to the eastern boundary wall in the rear garden. The tree is not visible from the road and makes a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area..

Consent is sought to fell the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas 'The Green and Church Lane' area covered all buildings surrounding The Green and including the buildings on the corners of Cross Road, Roman Crescent, Southdown Road, Southwick Square, The Twitten, Watling Road, Victoria Road/Park Lane, Albert Road and Oldfield Crescent.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature growing in the rear garden adjacent to the brick nd block built boundary wall. The tree can be seen from only limited views.

The tree has slender single stem that is directly adjacent to the wall and extends to 2 metres. At 2 metre the crown breaks, with most of the foliage and branch work being on the eastern side of the wall. The small crown also has a heavy incursion of Ivy that restricts further views of the tree.

The proposed works are to remove the tree, mostly due to the main root ball being partially beneath the boundary wall.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, and number of trees in this part of the Conservation Area, and would not significantly or adversely affect the area's appearance, amenity value, or character.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 21/08/2017

Authorised by: PD Date: 23.8.17