Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/10/16**

Application Number	**AWDM/1394/16**
Address	**9 Rosslyn Road Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6WL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/90(SU) of 1990 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 2 metres, on one Indian Bean tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 27/07/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Catalpa (Indian Bean tree) in the rear garden of 9 Rosslyn Avenue Shoreham-by-Sea.

The tree makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and crown height.

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

1990: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/2/90(SU) of 1990 made on 12/09/90.

1996: Crown Lifting By 10% & Reduction (By 25%-30%) Of Indian Bean Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/90/Su)

2005: Crown Reduction (By Approx 25%) Of Indian Bean Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/2/90/Su)
2010: Crown reduction by 25% and crown thinning by 10% of Catalpa in rear garden (subject to TPO 13.53/2/90/SU)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature growing in the northeast corner of the rear garden adjacent to the boundary fencing between properties and is not visible from the street.

The tree is single stemmed to 3 to 4 metres with a large lateral to the east side, which was removed under prior notice (exempt). The main stem divides at 3.5 metres, into 3 to 4 main stems, which are

each stag headed. The main crown is dense, close to the main stem, becoming thinner and more patchy cover on perimeter, leading to some areas of deadwood.

The main stem has a large cavity to the northeast, from 0.5 metres, and several hollow areas that have been partially enclosed by re-growth.

The proposed works are to reduce height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to reduce the weight and stress on the main crown, and to contain the size and spread of the tree.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree and would not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

   {\b Reason}: {\i In the interest of visual amenity.}

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Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 26/10/2016

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 26.10.2016