Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/01/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1798/22**
Address	**8 Buckingham Mews Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 6AJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 162-3-82 (SU) of 1982 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 5 metres and remove damaged limb one Macrocarpa T1.**

Date of site visit: 16/01/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Cupressus Macrocarpa located near the northwest corner of the front garden of 8 Buckingham Mews, adjacent to the footpath, and close to the neighbouring property of Darren Court. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and remove a damaged limb.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from a nearby neighbour suggesting that additional “crown thinning” should be applied for.

Relevant Planning History

1982: AdurTree Preservation order Number 162/3/82 (SU) of 1982 confirmed on 13/12/1982.

2010: Crown raising and spread reduction of Cupressus Macrocarpa tree (subject to TPO 162/3/82/SU)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large imposing mature Monterey Cypress, growing in the front garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into several large diameter mostly upright secondary stems. Some of the outer stems arch outward forming a wide array. The first significant laterals, and the main deep foliage emerge from 7 to 8 metres. The main crown is dense and very wide spread with some slightly over extended protruding laterals and smaller stems.
The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 5 metres and remove one damaged main limb. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around the crown.

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

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i Reduction in crown height of 3 to 5 metres, 5 metres on the tallest most protruding stems.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of 3 to 5 metres, 5 metres on the longest most protruding laterals.

   iii Removal of selected damaged main limb.

   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.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 18/01/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 18/1/23