Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 08/09/22**

Application Number	**AWDM/1324/22**
Address	**Westcroft Western Road Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5WD**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Holly tree in the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 01/09/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Holly located near the centre of the western boundary wall of the front garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1971: The Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area was originally designated in May 1971 covering an area encompassing the shopping areas of High Street, East Street and Brunswick Road; the areas surrounding St Mary's Church; and the adjoining residential areas.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Holly growing in a narrow raised border, adjacent to a taller older flint retaining wall. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.5 metres, where it divides into two tightly forked upright secondary stems, that each mostly persist to the top. The first laterals emerge from 1 metre. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, mostly due to its restricted location in a small narrow border built against an older flint wall, which itself is part supporting wall.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the Shoreham Conservation Area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 08/09/2022

Authorised by: PB Date: 8/9/22