Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 24/08/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1263/17**
Address	**6 Roman Crescent Southwick**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell damson tree T2 in 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 Damson fruit tree growing in the centre of 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 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.

2017: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Conifer tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature growing in the centre of the rear garden and is visible from only limited views.

The tree has multiple slender stems from ground level that extend to an overall height of less that 6 metres. The three main stems arch over at 2 metres, and spread widely. The main crown is moderately dense and very wide spread for the size of the tree.

The proposed works are to remove the tree, due to its low fruit production and generally poor condition.

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: 24/08/2017

Authorised by: PD Date: 27.9.17