Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/09/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0924/24**
Address	**19 Roman Crescent Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Sycamore tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 13/08/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small immature Sycamore located near the centre of the Eastern boundary of the rear front garden. The tree is a part of the local landscape, with limited public views and contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the Sycamore tree T1.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas: Manor House, The Green and Church Lane. The area was extended in 1979 to include buildings on the North side of Roman Crescent.

2014: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Holm Oak tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

2014: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce height by up to 3.5 metres one Sycamore tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

2017: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height by up to 2-3 metres and radial growth by 1-2 metres, crown lift to 4 metres one Beech tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.

2023: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 to 4 metres, remove crossing branches and remove deadwood one Beech tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small immature Sycamore growing between a garden building and the boundary fence with 21 Roman Crescent in the rear garden. The tree is partially hidden by Ivy and other shrubs and bushes along both sides of the low boundary fence.

The tree has a single stem to 4 metres where it then divides into two, each stem dividing again at 4.45 metres into clusters of thin upright stems that mostly persist to the top. The main crown is moderately dense and compact.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to its poor form and location between the garden building and the fence.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and an amount of change will take place. However the effect on the 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: 19/09/2024

Authorised by: PB Date: 19/9/24