Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/02/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/1882/17**
Address	**Glenorchy The Martlets Shoreham-By-Sea BN43 5UN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/83(SU) to reduce height by 5m and reduce width by 2m cutting to suitable growth points to rebalance crown of one Horse Chestnut tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 07/02/18

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one medium sized mature Horse Chestnut tree in land to the south of Glenorchy The Martlets. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1983: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/83 (SU) of 1983 confirmed on 15/06/1983.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium mature Horse Chestnut growing in the side garden of 26 The Martlets. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 6 metres, where it then divides into several slightly smaller upright stems. The main crown is dense with a some wider spread slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce the height by 5 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow clearance to the adjacent building. These works appear to be slightly overestimated and the reduction in crown height has been changed by condition, to maintain the prominence of the tree to the area.

The amended 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;

   i Reduction in crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 2 metres.

   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: 07/02/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 7/2/18