Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/06/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0767/21**
Address	**The Poplars Roman Crescent Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points, up to 2 metres and crown thin up to 20% one Sycamore tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 11/05/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized early mature located near the northern side of the main building in the front garden of the property. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and crown thin.

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 recommended the proposal is approved.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The property is within The Southwick Conservation Area that was first designated in June 1976.

2011: Thinning of Sycamore tree in front garden (6 weeks prior notice of works to a tree in a Conservation Area)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature growing in the front garden of The Poplars, which is one of a cluster of houses accessed from Roman Crescent to the north and Southwick Street to the east. Although the tree is prominent in its direct locality the area has limited public views.

The tree has a single stem to 2.75 metres, where it then divides into two tightly forked stems that each persist to 10 metres. The first significant limbs emerge from 6 metres. The main crown has a distinct oval shape, and is dense with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points; up to 2 metres, and to crown thin by up to 20%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and maintain its shape/appearance, and to allow more light and air to pass through 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 Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 05/06/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 7/6/21