Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/11/17**

Application Number	**AWDM/1622/17**
Address	**28 Church Lane Southwick BN42 4GB**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to pollard to a 4m stump 1no. Willow tree T1 in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 07/11/17

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium to large early mature Goat Willow growing to the northeast of the shared entrance driveway to 28 and 30 Church Lane Southwick near the southwest corner of the front rear garden adjacent to the footpath boundary entrance roadway from the junction of. 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 pollard the tree at 4 metres.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: Southwick Conservation Area designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas: Manor House, The Green and Church Lane.

2014: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remove one Beech and one Sycamore tree, Reduce one Hazel tree by up to 3 metres, Reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres on selected branches on Holm Oak, Macrocarpa, and Ash trees, and reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres on one Willow tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is at the northern end of the site, close to the northwest corner of the rear garden of 26 Church Lane Southwick. The tree is around 15 metres tall and can be seen from many views.

The tree has twin stems from near ground level, with some damage and decay observed in the centre of the two stems union. The northern stem is slightly hollow in form and has some damage on its north side. The stem to the south is mostly without damage or decay.

The proposed works are to pollard the tree, on both stems at 4 metres. These works are to retain the tree and reduce the possibility of failure of the main stems.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall number, size and form of trees in the area and would not significantly or adversely affect the appearance, amenity value, or character of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 29/11/2017

Authorised by: PB Date: 30/11/2017