**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 26/04/22**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/0432/22** |
| **Address** | **6 Spinnals Grove Southwick West Sussex BN42 4DU** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/87 (SW) of 1987 to crown lift to 5 metres Sycamore trees of group G1.** |

**Date of site visit:** 28/03/22

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a line of large tall mature trees located along the boundary line between The Sussex County Croquet Club and the rear gardens of numbers 6 to 9 Spinnals Grove. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift to all trees of group G1.

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

**Consultations:** None.

**Representations:** Two representations received from nearby neighbour with enquiries about the details of the application regarding ownership and additional works.

**Relevant Planning History**

1977: The Kingston Buci Conservation Area designated under section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, as amended by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974 by Adur District Council on the 13th April 1977.

1987: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 162/1/87/(SW) of 1987 confirmed on 17/08/1987.

2008: Thinning and reduction (including felling of 1 within group) of sycamore trees subject to TPO 162/1/87/SW and works to other trees within Conservation Area.

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce by 2m and crown thin by 20% one Sycamore tree (T2 on plan) within the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

**Planning Assessment**

The trees are a large matures growing in the rear gardens of properties in Spinnals Grove, adjacent to the boundary with the Sussex County Croquet Club grounds including the shared parking area, the

access path to the Tennis Club and two of the Croquet Lawns. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

Group G1
This is a linear group of trees that runs along the southern boundary of the rear gardens of numbers 6 to 9 Spinnals Grove Southwick. The trees are mostly large tall matures with single stems to 3 to 4 metres where they then divide into mainly upright secondary stems. The main crowns are dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift the trees up to 5 metres. The works are to allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or their contribution to the character of the Kingston Buci Conservation Area.

**Recommendation**

**APPROVE**

**Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:**

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application 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: 26/04/2022

Authorised by: PB Date: 26/4/22