Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/10/22**

Application Number	**AWDM/1405/22**
Address	**26a Mill Lane Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5AG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/94(SU) of 1994 to crown lift up to 5 metres one Yew tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 01/09/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium to large sized mature Yew located near the centre of the northern boundary wall of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift the tree.

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

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/4/94/SU of 1994 confirmed on 24/04/1995.

2008: Crown lifting and crown reduction of yew tree (subject to TPO 13.53/4/94/SU)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with 1 The Close Shoreham-by-Sea, which is outside of the Conservation Area. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Yew tree T3 has a large diameter compound stem that begins to divide from 1.8 metres. The secondary stems are large and mostly persist to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended and lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5 metres. The works are to allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath 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 Shoreham 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: 26/10/2022

Authorised by: PB Date: 26/10/22