Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/09/18**

Application Number	**AWDM/1247/18**
Address	**Street Record Amber Close Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 13.53/2/93 (SU) to reduce by up to 4m to create framework for future growth to 9 Poplar trees.**

Date of site visit: 30/08/18

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a row of tall mature Poplars located along the southern boundary wall between Amber Close and St Giles Close. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce to create framework for future growth to 9 Poplar trees.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/2/93 (SU) of 1993 made.

2017: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/93(SU) of 1993 to reduce radial spread on west side by up to 2 metres on one Norway Maple T33, to fell and replace one Norway Maple T34 and to fell without replacement one Hawthorn T6.

Planning Assessment

The trees T35 to T43 form a linear group that runs from the Southeast corner toward the entrance to Amber Close. The nine trees are growing on a wide grass verge adjacent to the southern boundary, and form a tall screen between the properties of Amber Close and St Giles Close.

The nine trees are mostly single stemmed to 8-9 metres, where they have been formatively pruned. This has resulted in an array of tall slender stems that each support the main crowns and some of the outer stems have begun to arch over. The main crowns are mostly upright moderately dense and occasionally very wide spread.

The proposed works for all nine trees (T35 to T43) are to reduce by up to 4 metres to create framework for future growth. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees, and prevent over extension of the main limbs.

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 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 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: 19/09/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 19/9/18