Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/07/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0856/21**
Address	**Street Record Lesser Foxholes Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/9/01 (SU) of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points (2 metres) Swedish Whitebeam T7 (34 Lesser Foxholes) reduce crown height and radial spread by 1 to 2 metres Locust tree T10 (40 Lesser Foxholes) and to crown lift up to 5 metres over road trees of group G1 (Verge At Junction Of Lesser Foxholes The Street)**

Date of site visit: 14/06/2021

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two individual trees a large Locust tree, and a small to medium Swedish Whitebeam and one group. The single trees are within the development with the group G1 being on its eastern side adjacent to The Street. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread the Swedish Whitebeam T7 near 34 Lesser Foxholes, and the Locust tree T10 o/s 40 Lesser Foxholes, and to crown lift over the carriage way of The Street trees of group G1.

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

1966: Shoreham Tree Preservation order 162/1/66 (SU) of 1966 confirmed on 08/09/66.

1975: The Old Shoreham 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 the Adur District Council on the 17th November 1975 - Old Shoreham (area centred around St. Nicholas Church and including certain houses and their grounds adjoining parts of the Street, Adur Avenue, St. Nicholas Lane, Steyning Road, Upper Shoreham Road, Connaught Avenue and Old Shoreham Road, Shoreham-By-Sea). Amendment to Old Shoreham Conservation Area passed by Adur District Council 14th September 1993 - registered 23rd November 1993.

1998: Adur Tree Preservation order 13.53/1/98/SU of 1998 made 23/03/1998

1998: Reduction of Branches of Swedish Whitebeam Tree (Subject to TPO 13.53/1/98/SU)

2001: Adur Tree Preservation order 13.53/9/01(SU) of 2001 made.

2005: Cut Back Branches Of Whitebeam Tree (Subject To Tpo 13.53/1/98/Su)

2008: 30% crown reduction of locust tree (subject to TPO 13.53/9/01/SU)

2010: 25% crown reduction and 20% crown thinning of Swedish Whitebeam in front garden subject to TPO 13.53/1/98/SU

2015: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/1/66(SU) of 1966 to reduce crown height and radial spread by 2 metres on one Swedish Whitebeam Tree.

2017: Application under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/1/98/SU to reduce in height and radial growth by 1-2m Acacia (Locust) in front garden (T10).

Planning Assessment

The trees are mostly large matures growing in the road verges of Lesser Foxholes and adjacent to The Street. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Swedish Whitebeam T7
This tree is located on a small verge in front of number 34 Lesser Foxholes, and is part of a group of trees. The tree is a medium sized mature Whitebeam that has a large diameter single stem to 2.5 metres where it then divides in to several smaller main stems. There are some signs of a poor union between the main and secondary stems, which have each been reduced at 8 metres. From this point there is re-growth extending to 10 metres. The main crown is dense and mostly upright with some wider spreading secondary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce the height and radial spread by up to 2 metres bringing the main stems back to the previous reduction points. This is to allow clearance to the building and drive way and to maintain the size and spread of the tree.

Locust Tree T10
The Acacia (Locust tree) is a large mature growing in a small border to the south of the front garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The tree has twin stems to 2 to 2.5 metres where they then both begin to divide. The re-growths are slender stems angle outwards, away from the main boles, making a slightly unbalanced crown. The main crown is dense with some wider spread slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

Trees of group G1
This group has two large mature Ash as its main trees, along with several Maple Cypress and Beech. The group is within the boundary of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area. The most significant trees are mostly single stemmed to 4n to 5 metres with dense wide spreading crowns that are intertwined.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5 metres over the carriageway to allow access beneath the combined crown of the group.

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 or the Old Shoreham Conservation 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: 05/07/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/7/21