Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 03/03/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0071/21**
Address	**Cobblestones St Marys Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5ZA**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Flowering Cherry Tree within the Shoreham Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 09/02/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature ornamental Cherry located near the southwest corner of the front garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shoreham Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: ACAAG - Adur Conservation Area Advice Group who unanimously agreed to giving consent, noting that a replacement tree would be provided.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Extension to Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area designated under section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 by the Adur District Council on 23rd November 1993. This charge includes properties within the previously made Shoreham Conservation Area designated May 1971.

2015: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 1 metre on one Wild Cherry tree T1, and to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 2 metres on one Judas tree T2 and one Bird Cherry T3 in the Shoreham Conservation Area.

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one Ginkgo tree and crown reduce by 30% to shape one Cherry tree within the Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature growing in the front garden close to the junction of St Mary's Road and St Mary's Close, to the north of the Church Yard of St Mary De Haura Church. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem that terminates at 1 metre, where it has been lopped or damaged, from this point there is a single side stem that has developed, with a poor union. The secondary stem persists to 3 metres where it appears to have been lopped again, forming a flattened top. The first branches emerge from 2 metres. The main crown is sparse and moderately wide spread.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to poor condition. The remaining main stem has signs of decay near its base and the union between it and the secondary stem has included bark, which both limit its life expectancy and development. Therefore the recommendation is to give consent to fell and replace the tree.

These works in my opinion will be relatively large in relation to the overall number of trees and an amount of change will take place. However the affect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 03/03/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 3/3/21