Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 03/08/18**

Application Number **AWDM/1038/18**

Site Address: **1 Elm Close Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5GP**

Proposal: **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/70 (SU) to reduce height and radial growth by 3m and crown thin by 10% one Holm Oak.**

Date of site visit: 02/08/18

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single mature Holm Oak tree in the rear garden of 1 Elm Close Shoreham-by-Sea. The tree has been maintained as a formal upright shaped crown, which differs from surrounding trees and other Holm Oaks in Elm Close.

Consent is sought to continue the existing maintenance regime and reduce the height and spread and crown thin the tree.

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

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1970: Adur Tree Preservation order 162/1/70 (SU) confirmed on 15/05/1970.

1992: Lopping Of 3 Evergreen Oak Trees (Subject To Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

1994: Lop and Top 2 Silver Birches, 1 Thorn, 2 Monterey Cypress, 1 Leylandii And 1 Holm Oak and Fell 1 Leylandii

2002: Works To Holm Oak, Silver Birch & Hawthorn Trees Subject To Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

2008: Reduction (by 25%) of holm oak tree subject to Tpo 162/1/70 (SU) Status: Application Permitted

2013: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order 162/1/70 (su) to crown reduce overall by up to 2 metres one Holm Oak tree

Planning Assessment
The tree is a large mature that provides a back drop to the other trees in the area, and is contributing to the appearance of Elm Close. The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level with three main stems

that each begin to divide from 3 to 6 metres. There are several areas where large limbs have been removed, the resulting callousing over is strong and the inner wood has not decayed. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread, with mostly secondary re-growth.

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 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: 4/9/2018

Authorised by: PB Date: 4/9/18