Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/10/16**

Application Number	**AWDM/1317/16**
Address	**Street Record Southwick Street Southwick**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 3 to 6 metres remove epicormic growth and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, one Lime tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 08/09/16

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to Street tree on the west side of Southwick Street near its junction with Manor Hall Road. The trees location is on the main route way into and through the town centre of Southwick, linking the A270 to the A259 coast road, and giving access to Southwick Square.

The tree is an established part of in the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Southwick Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift, and reduce radial spread over adjacent property and to clear nearby pole and cables.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized early over matures growing in the pavement of Southwick Street adjacent to number 67. The tree is single stemmed to 3.75 metres, where it then begins to divide up to 5 metres. The main stems have each been reduced at 8 metres, creating a upper crown of smaller secondary branches. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 3 to 6 metres: 3 metres across the pavement and adjoining property, 6 metres across the carriageway. Also to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to allow access beneath the crown to Highways standards, and to reduce overhang into the road, the nearby property and the adjacent Pole and cables etc.

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, or amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Southwick Conservation Area

Recommendation

Grant Consent, not subject to Conditions.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 06/10/2016

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 26.10.2016