Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/04/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0200/21**
Address	**Flat 2 37 Grinstead Avenue Lancing West Sussex BN15 9BH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162-3-60 (L) of 1960 to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre and crown thin up to 10% two Beech trees T1 and T2.**

Date of site visit: 19/02/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two Beech trees in the garden grounds of the complex of 1 to 37 Grinstead Avenue. The trees are a prominent established feature which are a part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and crown thin two Beech trees T1 and T2.

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

1961: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 7 of 1960 confirmed on 29/03/61 as TPO 162/3/60 (L).

2012: Crown lifting and reduction of 2 beech trees subject to TPO 162/3/60 (L)

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.162/3/60 (L) of 1960 to crown lift up to 8 metres and remove dead wood on eastside of Beech trees T1 and T2.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two fully established large mature Beech trees growing along the Eastern boundary of the garden grounds of Nos. 1 to 37 Grinstead Avenue. The trees are adjacent to the car park of The Britannia Inn and form a backdrop to the building and grounds.

The trees both have multi-facetted single stems that extend to 4 metres, where they then divide into several large diameter scaffold limbs, large stems and lateral limbs. The central stems become more slender from 8 metres. The main crowns are mostly high dense and wide spread, with some overarching branches that hang lower. The trees have some deadwood present, which has been recently shed across the adjacent car park area.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre and crown thin up to 10% the two Beech trees T1 and T2. The works are to contain the spread of the tree's crowns, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

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: 09/04/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 9 April 2021