Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/02/22**

Application Number	**AWDM/1910/21**
Address	**10 Fairview Road Lancing West Sussex BN15 0PA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/06/L of 2006 to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres one Sycamore tree T1 of area A1**

Date of site visit: 10/02/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized Sycamore tree in the rear garden, adjacent to the Eastern boundary. The tree is part of a larger group, which are 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 reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who stated “no comment”

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2009: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/09(L) of 2009 confirmed on 05/01/10.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized early mature growing in the rear garden adjacent to the eastern boundary fence. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Sycamore tree T1 of area A1 has a single stem to 1.8 metres where it then divides into two. The north stem divides at 2.5 metres, with the southern stem dividing at 4 metres. The resulting smaller stems form a wide array of mostly upright limbs. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown and allow more light and air to pass around the crown. These works appear slightly over estimated and have been changed by condition.

The amended 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

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i Reduction in crown height of up to 2 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 2 metres

   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: 10/02/2022

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/2/22