Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/06/21**

Application Number	**AWDM/0475/21**
Address	**30 Mill Lane Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5AG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/94 (SU) to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift to 4-5 metres and crown thin by up to 10% one Walnut tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 14/06/21

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one Walnut tree growing in the northeast corner of the rear garden of 30 Mill Lane, which adjoins gardens of 32 Mill Lane and 2 Oxen Avenue. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, crown lift and crown.

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

1994: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/4/94(SU) dated 4th January 1995.

2001: Remedial Works to Walnut Tree & Sycamore Tree Subject To Tpo 13.53/4/94/Su

2011: Works to Walnut tree subject to TPO 13.53/4/94/SU (to reduce side overhanging 2 Oxen Avenue).

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/4/94 (SU) of 1994 to reduce one stem on the northeast side by up to 2 metres of Walnut tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature growing in the rear garden of the property that is part of the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a northwardly leaning single stem that extends to 2.5 metres. At this point the stem divides into three main stems, two parallel stems to the northwest that each divide again at 5 to 6 metres, and a single angled stem to the southeast. The main crown is dense becoming more open to the top, and moderately wide spread with some lower hanging secondary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift to 4-5 metres and crown thin by up to 10%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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: 15/06/2021

Authorised by: PB Date: 15/6/21