Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/03/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/0113/24**
Address	**56 Victoria Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1XE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 1994 to re-pollard to previous points two Lime Trees of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 13/03/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a group of two Lime trees growing in the northwest corner of 56 Victoria Road. The trees are part of an established group, and are prominent in the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard the trees and carry out associated works.

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: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 11 of 1994 confirmed on 11/07/1994.

1995: Crown lift to a height of five metres above the ground; back-end remaining side branches by one metre up to a height of seven metres above the ground two Lime trees subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11/1994 - 56 Victoria Road

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11 of 1994 to reduce and reshape crown by 30% (pruning as one crown), pruning clear of property to give a minimum clearance of 1.5 to 2 metres; crown thin by 10%, crown lift to 5 metres, remove dead and diseased wood, remove basal and epicormic growth, and reduce ivy to wall height on 2 Common Limes (G1).

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11 of 1994 to pollard at a height of 6 metres, and associated works, on two Lime Trees of group G1.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11 of 1994 to re-pollard to previous points two Lime Trees of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The two Lime trees of group G1 are large to medium sized trees growing along the northeast boundary of 56 Victoria Road, and are part of a cohesive group that forms one large crown.

The trees both have single clear stems to 4.5 metres, where they were initially pollarded. The trees have very large stems emerging at 4.5 metres continuing to a second pollard point at around 8 metres. The main crowns of both trees are slightly crowded but have good unions and are not top heavy. The two trees have been managed as a single crown to create the interlocking form of the group G1.

The proposed works are to re-pollard to previous points and carry out associated works. These works are to contain the size and spread of the crowns.

These works in my opinion would be major in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However this would be a continuation of the existing management regime, and appropriate for the tree's future.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. 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: 27/03/2024

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 27 March 2024