Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/12/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1336/23**
Address	**Appletree Cottage Honeysuckle Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BT**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown thin 20% one Oak tree T9.**

Date of site visit: 23/11/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Oak tree near the east boundary of the rear garden, close to the entrance roadway to 12 and 14 Furze Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, and crown thin

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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1991 confirmed on 28/05/1991.

1998: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 2/1991 to crown lift to the bole one Oak tree (T9).

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 2 of 1991 to reduce overall growth by 30% to one Oak tree T9.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Oak growing close to the eastern boundary fencing in the rear garden where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a straight single stem that is clear to 2 metres, and persists to 8 metres, where it then divides into several stems that form a wide ball shaped crown. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread, with some lower hanging secondary laterals being close to the main building.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown thin 20%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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

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: 05/12/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/12/23