Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 24/06/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0494/24**
Address	**73 Littlehampton Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1QP**
Proposal	**Retrospective application for approval under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 1990 to plant one replacement Acer pseudoplatanus tree, not less than 12-14cm Girth in a minimum 45 litre container, in the Northeast corner of the front garden, following the unauthorised removal of Sycamore tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 18/06/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a replacement tree that was required to be planted following the unauthorised removal of a large protected Sycamore that was located near the Northwest corner of the front garden. The tree was a prominent part of the street scene and made a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Approval is sought of the size and type of replacement tree.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 1990 confirmed on 16/10/1990.

2023: Adur Worthing Planning Enforcement action regarding unauthorised works to a Protected tree.

Planning Assessment

The purpose of the visit and this report is to confirm that a replacement Acer pseudoplatanus tree, not less than 12-14cm Girth in a minimum 45 litre container, has been planted in the agreed location of the Northeast corner of the front garden. This has been completed as required.

Recommendation

APPROVE

The conditions imposed regarding the replacement tree can be discharged, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. If within five years the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 24/06/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 25.06.2024