Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0657/23**
Address	**Greentrees Lansdowne Road Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 1989 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Sycamore tree T21.**

Date of site visit: 14/06/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Sycamore tree in the eastern side of the grounds of Greentrees 6 Lansdowne Road. The tree is growing in a small border between the parking area and the boundary with St Botolph's Mews Boundary Road. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation 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 the Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VI (Heene), designated by the Council on 31st January 1985

1989: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 11 of 1989 confirmed on 06/11/89.

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 1989 to fell and replace one Leyland Cypress tree of group G1.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 1989 to crown lift up to 6 metres one Sycamore tree T21.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized early mature Sycamore growing in a small border to the east of the complex, close to the boundary wall. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is twin stemmed from ground level, with the stems fused to 1.25 metres. The East stem is the larger and more dominant, and divides into three from 1.8 metres. The more slender west stem

divides at 2 to 2.5 metres. The crown was previously reduced at 4 to 4.5 metres, where clusters of ascending slender stems emerge, that all mostly persist to within 2 metres of the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

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

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 Heene Conservation 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: 10/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/7/23