Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0747/23**
Address	**64 Lyndhurst Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2DQ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 2006 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, one Yew tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 26/06/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Yew tree in the Southeast of the front garden of 64 Lyndhurst Road Worthing. 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 reduce radial spread.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of abating nuisance, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 2006 confirmed on 11/10/06.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 2006 to reduce radial spread by 1.5 to 2 metres, reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and to crown lift up to 3.5 metres one Yew tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature growing in the front garden of the property between the side of the house and the pavement of Gannon Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level. The main stems are fused up to 1 metre, with three main larger stems that separate at 2 to 3 metres. The width of the tree is formed mainly by smaller secondary branches that extend widely. The tree is slightly top heavy, with a wide broadly domed crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with an inclusion of Ivy that makes the foliage thicker.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance and allow more light and air to pass around 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: 14/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 14/7/23