Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0770/24**
Address	**53 Parham Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 0BN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 2011 to crown lift up to 5 metres one Deodar T3 and to dismantle leaving a 3 to 3.5 metre monolith and replace one Lawson Cypress tree T7.**

Date of site visit: 11/07/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature trees: a Deodar Cedar located near the centre of the rear garden and a dead Lawson Cypress in the Southwest corner of the front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift the Deodar T3 and to dismantle leaving a monolith and replace the Lawson Cypress tree T7.

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

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2006 confirmed on 12/06/2007.

2010: Application for consent under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2006 to fell one semi-mature Pine, one Cypress and one Macrocarpa and to replant a new woodland area in northern part of rear garden; and for consent to crown lift to 5 metres, dead wood and clean out one Deodar (Part of Group G1).

2011: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 2011 confirmed on 13/02/2012

Planning Assessment

The trees are a large mature Deodar growing in the rear garden and an equally large but dead Lawson Cypress in the front. Both trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Deodar T3
This tree has a large diameter single stem to 5 metres, where it then divides into 2 main upright stems that each divide again several times to the top. The South stem ends with a single upright, the North stem having a cluster of smaller stems within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5 metres to allow access beneath the crown and clearance to the main biulding.

Lawson Cypress T7
The Lawson Cypress tree is located in the front garden close to the entrance from Parham Road. The tree has a single stem to 1.5 metres where it divides into two that each divide several times, with each division being into tightly forked upright stems, the first laterals emerging from 4.5 metres. The main crown is de-foliated and the tree appears to have been dead for a year or more.

The proposed works are to dismantle leaving a 3 to 3.5 metre monolith (Pole) and to plant a replacement tree.

The works to the Deodar Cedar T3 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.

The felling of the Lawson Cypress will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works to the Deodar T3, 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.*

3. The proposed partial felling of the Lawson Cypress tree T7 and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

4. If within five years following replanting, 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: 14/08/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 14/08/2024