**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 28/09/23**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/1067/23** |
| **Address** | **14 Wyke Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN11 1PB** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2006 to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres, one Cherry Plum tree T1.** |

**Date of site visit:** 09/08/23

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a medium sized early mature located near the southwest corner of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Warwick Gardens 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**

1989: The property is included within the Warwick Gardens Conservation Area (XI) designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 2006 confirmed on 01/06/2006.

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2006 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres on one Cherry Plum tree T1.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2006 to reduce height by up to 1.5m, radial reduction up to 1.5m, crown thin up to 15% on one Cherry Plum tree T1.

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a medium sized Cherry Plum growing in the front garden of the property close to the pavement of Wyke Avenue, with waist height walls to its South and west sides.

The tree has a compound single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into the three main scaffold limbs, each of which develops their crowns at around 4 metres. The main stem has a deep concave

section on its east side, where a previous stem has been removed. The main crown is dense in both branches (water shoots) and foliage, wide spread and close to the buildings on either side.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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 Warwick Gardens Conservation Area.

**Recommendation**

**Grant Consent,** Not subject to Conditions:

**Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?**

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 29/09/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 29/9/23