Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 21/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0591/23**
Address	**33 Lansdowne Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4NF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 2005 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 4 metres one Beech tree T5.**

Date of site visit: 25/05/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Beech tree located near the centre of the Southern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and reduce spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from a nearby neighbour in support of the works, suggesting that it will alleviate concerns of the proximity of the tree to neighbouring building and allow more light.

Relevant Planning History

2005: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13 of 2005 confirmed on 01/07/2005.

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 2005 to fell one Rowan (within Group G1) and to crown lift to 3 metres above ground level on various Limes, Sycamores, Norway Maple and Yew (Groups G1 and G2) and to crown lift to 3 metres one Hawthorn (T2), and one Ash (T3).

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 2005 to crown reduce one Beech tree (T5) in rear garden.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the rear garden adjacent to the south boundary fence, which has limited public views, being only partially visible from Downview Road.

The tree has a single stem to 3 metres where it then divides into a cluster of large diameter upright tightly forked stems that each mostly persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The first laterals

emerge from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and very wide spread with several over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 4 metres.

The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, abate nuisance to nearby property, 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: 21/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 21/6/23