**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 20/11/2024**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/1116/24** |
| **Address** | **Cherry Trees Allendale Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 0AH** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, one Lime tree T1.** |

**Date of site visit:** 29/10/24

**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 Lime tree, located near the Northwest 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 area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread.

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

**Consultations:** None.

**Representations:** None received.

**Relevant Planning History**

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 44 of 2001 confirmed on 16/08/2001.

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a large mature Lime growing in the front garden adjacent to the pavement of the A24/ Findon Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1 metre where it then divides into five main stems, four of which are upright and persist to 10.5 metres and one stem to the West that divides again at 5 metres, and angles outward toward the main road. The upright stems are tightly forked with the first limbs emerging from 2 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass 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: 20/11/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 20/11/2024