Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0483/23**
Address	**East Sidings 57 Station Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 2PF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 1994 to reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, and crown lift up to 5 metres, one Sycamore tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 31/05/23

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 Sycamore located near the northeast corner of the rear grounds of the block East Sidings on the eastern side of the boundary wall. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, and crown lift.

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

1994: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of 1994 confirmed on 22/08/1994.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a tall large mature Sycamore growing in the rear grounds. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from the adjacent railway.

The tree has a single stem to 9 metres, where it divides into several mostly upright stems. The first laterals emerge from 6 metres, with some being low hanging. The lower sections of the tree are covered by an incursion of Ivy and a dense lower storey of bushes and perennials. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, and crown lift up to 5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow access beneath 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: 09/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 9/6/23