Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0797/24**
Address	**6 West Way Worthing West Sussex BN13 1PB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.94 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres, and crown thin 20% one Deodar T1.**

Date of site visit: 08/08/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Deodar located near the centre of the low southern boundary wall adjacent to the footpath of West Way. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

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

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

2002: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 94 of 2001 confirmed on 14/01/2002.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.94 of 2001 to fell and replace one Deodar T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Deodar Cedar growing in the front garden close to the pavement and carriageway of West Way, where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 8 metres, with equal sized ascending laterals emerging from 5 metres. The stems all divide at 8 metres, forming the main scaffold limbs. The first branches emerge from 2 metres, with the most significant sized laterals emerging from 5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread, mostly high with some arching over laterals that support the lower hanging branches. The crown has a slight imbalance toward the southeast.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres, and crown thin 20%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through 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 description 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: 22/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 22.08.2024