Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 25/09/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0990/24**
Address	**The Brambles 20a Woodland Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN13 3AF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.23 of 2004 to reduce crown height by up to 5 metres and reduce radial spread by 3 to 5 metres, 3 metres overall and up to 5 metres on the longest most extended limbs, two Black Poplar trees T1 and T2 of group G4.**

Date of site visit: 24/09/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large tall mature Poplar trees located near the Northwest corner of the rear garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread two black Poplar trees T1 and T2 of group G4.

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

2005: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 23 of 2004 confirmed on 02/03/2005.

2014: Proposed new dwelling with garage and parking space with amended access (Resubmission of AWDM/0656/11)

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.23 of 2004 to reduce lowest southern and northern limbs by up to 3 metres on one Poplar tree; to crown thin up to 15% and remove dead wood from one Beech tree; and to reduce western stem by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 4 metres one Sweet Chestnut tree, all of group G4.

Planning Assessment

The trees are:

<u>Poplar tree T1 of group G4</u>
This tree is located to the west of the group and has two stems from near ground level. The main

central stem persists to 8 metres, where it begins to divide into more slender upright stems, with the first significant laterals emerging from 6 metres. The smaller secondary stem to the Southwest that arches outward and terminates at 9 metres. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

Poplar tree T2 of group G4
The Poplar tree T2 of group G4 is upright and begins to divide at 8 metres, into two main upright stems that each divide several times to the top of the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height by up to 5 metres and reduce radial spread by 3 to 5 metres, 3 metres overall and up to 5 metres on the longest most extended limbs. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass around the crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 25/09/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 25.09.2024