Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0757/24**
Address	**67 St Lawrence Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 7JL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.50 of 1995 to fell and replace one Elm tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 17/07/24

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 Yew located near the centre of the Southern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is part of group G1 which is a prominent part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Elm tree T1 of group G1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 50 of 1995 confirmed on 09/01/1995.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Elm growing at the Southern end of the rear garden close to the boundary with properties in Haynes Road. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 6 metres, where it then divides into two main stems that each divide again from 8 to 9 metres. The tree is defoliated and has lost most of its secondary and tertiary branches leaving the main scaffold stems as the crown.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, which appears to have died several season ago, possibly due to Dutch Elm Disease.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed felling of the Elm tree T1 of group G1, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 07/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 07.08.2024