Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 02/04/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0225/24**
Address	**53 High Street Worthing West Sussex BN14 7NR**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 1995 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 - 3 metres one Flowering Cherry T1.**

Date of site visit: 06/03/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized, mature Flowering Cherry located near the Southwest corner of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the West Tarring Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread one Flowering Cherry T1

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

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1975: Conservation Area No1 (West Tarring) designated by the Council on 6th March 1975

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of 1995 confirmed on 13/03/1995.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 1995 to crown lift up to 4 metres, reduce radial spread of crown by up to 1.5 metres and crown thin by up to 10% one Flowering Cherry (T1), and to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread of crown by up to 0.5 metres, crown thin by up to 5% and cut back selected branches to clear roof by up to 0.5 metres, on one Purple Leaved Plum (T2).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Cherry growing in a restricted space in the Southwest corner of the rear garden, adjacent to the driveway of 53 High Street. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Cherry tree T1 has a straight single stem that persists to 4 metres, with some damage at 2 metres on the Southern side where a large secondary stem was lost 10 to 15 years ago. At 4 metres the main stem divides into two main stems that each divide several times to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 - 3 metres, the works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and reduce weight in 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 West Tarring Conservation 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: 02/04/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 02.04.2024