Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/04/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0236/24**
Address	**87 Poulters Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 7SX**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.24 of 1998 to fell and replace one Purple Leaved Plum T3.**

Date of site visit: 06/03/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Purple-leaved Plum located in a divided section to the Northeast corner of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 24 of 1998 confirmed on 09/11/2010.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 24/1998 to crown lift up to a height of 2.4 metres to two Holly trees (T1 and T2).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Purple Plum growing in the front garden close to the low boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of Poulters Lane. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a compound stem that begins to separate from 1.5 metres, becoming separate stems that each divide again from 3 metres, and several more times to the top. The crown is dense with branches, and some smaller clusters of water shoots. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals. The tree is dead as it has no developing buds, all twigs are dead and there is no chlorophyll beneath the bark

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to poor condition.

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 Purple-leaved Plum tree T3 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: 12/04/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 12/04/2024