Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/09/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0983/23**
Address	**48 Adur Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN13 3LF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1980 to crown lift removing four selected branches one Pine tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 20/07/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a very large mature Austrian Pine located to the northern side of the property on a grass area between the rear garden wall and the pavement of Welland Road. The tree is a highly prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift removing four selected branches

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

1980: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1980 confirmed on 01/04/1980.

1998: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1980 to fell one Pine tree Refused

2000: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1980 for the removal of lower branches hanging over the house and back garden in line with garden wall plus all dead wood and branches to one Monterey Pine within group G1

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1980 to fell one Pine tree (G1) in north-eastern part of grounds of the property. Refused Appeal Dismissed.

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1980 to fell one Pine tree (G1) in north-eastern part of grounds of the property.

2018: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1980 to crown thin Austrian Pine (T1) of group (G1) by up to 20 per cent.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a tall large, long established mature Austrian Pine growing in the grounds adjacent to the rear garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has stout single stem to 1 metre, where an equally large and tall secondary stem emerges toward the southeast. The main central upright stem has limbs from 4 metres, the secondary stem, which is angled outward, has its first significant limbs from 8 metres. The main crown is dense in the upper sections and across the adjacent building. The tree has some over extended secondary branches and some deadwood present.

The proposed works are to crown lift removing four selected branches, 1 large partially failed limb to the Northeast, two to the South and one smaller limb to the Southeast.

The works are for safety to allow access beneath the crown and for general maintenance and amenity value.

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 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: 06/09/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/9/23