Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/02/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1623/23**
Address	**58 Grand Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN11 5AE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.10 of 1990 to reduce Southern stem to a height of 4 metres and prune to clear driveway one Ginkgo tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/11/23

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 Maidenhair tree located near the centre of the Southern boundary wall 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 area.

Consent is sought to reduce Southern stem and prune to clear driveway.

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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 10 of 1990 confirmed on 04/02/1991.

1997: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.10/1990 to remove lower branches up to a height of 2.5 metres above driveway of Parham Court to one Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgo Biloba) (T1)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Ginkgo growing in the rear garden, adjacent to the access driveway of Parham Court from Grand Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter gnarled single stem to 2 metres where it then divides into two partially fused stems that become fully separated from 3 metres. The North stem remains mostly upright and persists to 12 metres, with the South stem arched outward across the boundary wall. The tree is directly intertwined with an unprotected Pine tree from ground level. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals to the South.

The proposed works are to reduce Southern stem to a height of 4 metres and prune to clear the adjacent driveway. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass 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 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: 13/02/2024

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 13 February 2024