Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0638/23**
Address	**4 Ambrose Place Worthing West Sussex BN11 1PZ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Ash and one Cherry tree in the Chapel Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 02/03/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two small to medium early mature trees in the rear garden. The trees are part of the local landscape and make a limited contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Chapel Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Ash and one Cherry tree.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of light issues and abating possible future nuisance.

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 1995 confirmed on 12/06/1995.

1997: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16/1995 for various remedial lopping works to six Sycamore trees, part of group G1 on the boundary between Nos.3 & 4 Ambrose Place - 4 Ambrose Place.

2000: The property is included within Conservation Area Chapel Road (XXIV) (formerly Seafront and Hinterland), designated by the Council on 14th March 2000.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16/1995 for various remedial lopping works to 8 Sycamore trees, on garden land opposite No. 4 adjacent to boundaries (part of Group G1).

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No16/1995 to crown lift (to prevent overhang onto car park) five Sycamore Trees (Part of G1) and minor crown reduction on eastern and southern sides to three Sycamore Trees (Part of G1).

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16/1995 to crown reduce in height by approximately 4 - 5 metres and spread by approximately 1.5 - 2 metres, 6

Sycamore trees (part of Group G1) on boundary between No. 3 and 4 Ambrose Place: Application Withdrawn.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 1995 to crown clean and raise crown to 4.5 m one Sycamore in south-east corner of garden, and to crown clean and raise crown to 6.5 m on five individual and multi-stemmed Sycamores situated adjacent to boundary with No. 4 Ambrose Place (part of Group G1). Section 211 Notice to fell 1 Ash and to reduce by 1.2 m and lateral prune one Strawberry tree.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 1995 to reduce radial spread by 1 to 2 metres and to crown thin by up to 15% 14 Sycamore trees of Group G1.

2023: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres Ash tree T1 and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre Cherry tree T2 in the Chapel Road Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The trees are both small to medium sized early matures growing in the rear garden which backs onto Richmond Road. The trees both have limited public views. The trees are:

Ash tree T1
This tree is located at the northern end of the rear garden, adjacent to the garage building accessed from Richmond Road. The tree has a single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into several mostly upright stems, with two main stems that each divide again from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Cherry tree T2
The Cherry tree T2 is growing in a small border at the centre of a paved section adjacent to the main building. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 1.2 metres, where it narrows before breaking into several slender upright secondary stems. The main crown was dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace both trees, as they are considered to be too close to the garage and main building. Although there is no evidence of any damage being caused by the trees, their species, size and public visibility do not make them suitable for a Tree Preservation Order.

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

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 22/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 22/6/23