Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0815/24**
Address	**184 Heene Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4NX**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres, Sycamore T1, Yew T3 and Conifer T4 in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 17/07/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three small to medium sized early mature trees: a Sycamore a Yew and one Leyland Cypress, located along the northern boundary wall of the front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, and crown lift, the Ash T1, Yew T3 and the Conifer T4.

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

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number of confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.43 of 2003 to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres, one Holly T4.

Planning Assessment

The trees are one Sycamore, one Yew and one Leylandii, that are all small immatures growing in the front garden in a narrow border between the Northern boundary wall and the driveway from Heene Road. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Sycamore T1</u>
This tree is the furthest West, growing directly adjacent to the Holly tree T4 of TPO No.43 of 2003. The tree has a single curved stem that persists to the top, with a large secondary stem that emerges from 2 metres. The main crown is moderately dense and intertwined with the TPO Holly tree and the Yew tree T3.

Yew T3
The Yew tree is growing approximately 0.5 metre to the Eastern of the Holly tree T4 of TPO No.43 of 2003, and has a single stem to 1.8 metres, where it then divides into three stems: two larger tightly forked upright central stems that divide again from 2.5 metres and several more times to the top, and a smaller angled outward stem to the South. The main crown is dense and very wide spread affecting both the TPO Holly tree and the CA Sycamore T1.

Conifer T4
This tree is the furthest East of the three, located approximately 2.2 metres from the Yew tree T3. The tree has a single damaged stem to 0.25 metres, where it then divides into two. The centre stem divides into several stems from 2 metres with the damaged Southern stem mostly persisting to the top. The tree is partially defoliated to the Southwest with several dead branches. The main crown is sparse, widespread and partially intertwined with the Yew tree T3 to its Western side.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres, Sycamore T1, Yew T3 and Conifer T4. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree's combined crowns, and allow clearance to the adjacent buildings.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the Shakespeare Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 19/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 21.08.2024