**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 04/02/2025**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/1596/24** |
| **Address** | **Land North of Prince Avenue Lancing West Sussex** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Adur District Council Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/4/15 (L) of 2015 to initiate pollard at 4 metres on one Goat Willow tree T1 of woodland W1.** |

**Date of site visit:** 31/01/25

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a medium sized mature Goat Willow located within the Woodland near the centre of the northern boundary of the front garden of 16 Prince Avenue (applicant). 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 initiate a pollard on one Goat Willow tree T1 of woodland W1.

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

**Consultations:** Letter sent to Lancing Parish Council who did not respond.

**Representations:** None received.

**Relevant Planning History**

2015: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/1/15 (L) of 2015 confirmed on 21/09/2015, revoked 23/10/2015.

2016: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13.53/4/15 (L) of 2015 confirmed on 25/01/2016.

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a medium sized mature Goat Willow growing in the Woodland W1, approximately 3 metres from the front garden of Prince Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has several stems that emerge from a common source 0.5 metres above ground level. The tree has a failed stem to the South which collapsed in early 2024, and two main stems to the North have recently failed, leaving three main stems: two large uprights that each divide from 4 metres and one slender stem to the North that mostly persists to the top. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to pollard the remaining stems at 4 metres. The works are to retain the tree that has developed over extended stems, that are liable to snap out.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, but are considered as necessary to retain the tree for its future amenity value and 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:04/02/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 4/2/25