Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/03/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/0018/24**
Address	**34 Half Moon Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 2EN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2000 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, one tree Horse Chestnut Tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 25/01/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Horse Chestnut tree in the partially open front garden of 34 Half Moon Lane. The tree is one of a number of trees that line the road of Half Moon Lane, that are a part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Salvington Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: The property is included within the Salvington Conservation Area XVI designated by the Council on 29th April 1997.

2000: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 2000 confirmed on 08/05/00.

2002: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16/2000 to crown lift lowest branches and crown thin to remove a balanced one fifth of smaller branches within crown including crossed and abrading branches and dead wood to growth points and removal of branches to give a clearance to neighbours telephone wire.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation order 16/2000 to crown reduce by up to 20% to one Horse Chestnut tree (T1)

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2000 to crown reduce height and spread of one Horse Chestnut (T1).

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2000 to crown reduce overall by 2 metres and shape one Horse Chestnut (T1) in front garden. Application Refused

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2000 to crown lift up to 7 metres retaining main stems and scaffold limbs, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Horse Chestnut tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature Horse Chestnut growing in the front garden adjacent to the set back fence line. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is single stemmed to 1.5 metres where it then divides into a tightly forked spray of several smaller stems, with a mostly upright habit, and two main central stems, that all mostly persist to 10 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, reshape the slightly outgrown crown and allow more light and air to pass around the tree.

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 Salvington Conservation 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: 12/03/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.03.2024