Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 03/12/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1231/25**
Address	**5 Longlands Spinney Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres and crown thin 10% one Wild Cherry tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 27/11/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one mature medium sized Cherry in the open plan front 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 radial spread, crown lift and crown thin one Cherry tree 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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 27 of 2003 confirmed on 22/01/2004.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to crown reduce, crown lift to 3 metres, crown thin and crown clean one Wild Cherry tree (T4).

2017: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 27 of 2003 to reduce Cherry tree at front of property in height and spread to previous cuts (T4); and reduce two Beech trees at rear by approximately 2m in height and 2m in spread (G4).

2021: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to reduce radial spread by 0.5 metres, crown lift up to 3.5 metres and crown thin up 15% one Chery tree T4 and to crown lift to 2.5 metres and crown thin 10% two Beech trees of G4.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized mature Cherry growing on the raised section of the open plan front garden, between the main building and the public pavement of Longlands Spinney. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

Wild Cherry tree T4
The tree has 3 to 4 stems from ground level that are fused up to 1 to 1.5 metres. The stems separate into 3 main upright stems and a slightly angled out stem to the southwest. Each of the trunks divides at 4 to 4.5 metres into an array of stems and large laterals. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging limbs and tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres and crown thin 10% one Wild Cherry tree T4. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through 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: 03/12/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 04/12/2025