Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/05/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0332/24**
Address	**90 Offington Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 9RP**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.45 of 1990 to remove selected lowest limb to South of Austrian Pine tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 15/04/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Austrian Pine located near the southeast corner of the rear garden. 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 remove the lowest limb to South of the Austrian Pine tree T3.

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

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 45 of 1990 confirmed on 18/03/1991.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 45 of 1990 to crown lift lowest 7 branches to approximately 3m to one Austrian Pine (T3).

Planning Assessment

The Austrian Pine tree T3 is a large imposing tree, that is growing in the rear garden, where it is visible from the public highway, it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a stout single stem to 14 metres, where it then divides into several stems in an array that form the broadly domed top to the crown. The first limbs that emerge from 2 metres are mostly slender although very long, with the main larger scaffold limbs emerging from 4 metres. The main crown is slightly open, becoming denser toward the outer perimeter, and wide spread with mostly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to remove the lowest over extended limb to the South. The works are to allow more light and air into the neighbours garden and allow clearance to the garden buildings.

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: 22/05/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 22/05/2024