Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0101/25**
Address	**5 Cherry Tree Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 3QJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and crown thin 15% one Silver Maple T3.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/25

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 Silver Maple tree that has been incorporated into the open plan front garden / driveway to 5 Cherry Tree Close. The tree is an intrinsic and prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift and crown thin Maple T3.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 91 of 2001 confirmed on 18/02/2002.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 in respect of Beech tree T2 in front garden of No. 2 Cherry Tree Close, to crown raise to 5ms and Maple tree T3 in front garden of No. 5 Cherry Tree Close to crown raise to 5ms and thin canopy by 25%.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to fell and replace one Cherry tree T4.

2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to remove the three lowest limbs on the East side of Beech tree T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Silver Maple T3 located in a small border to the east of the driveway. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The Maple tree T3 has a large diameter single stem that extends in a narrowed form up to 5.5 metres, where it then becomes twin stemmed. The two stems each persist to the top of the crown.

The tree has several large side stems from 3 metres, some of which reach an equal height of the central stems. The main crown is dense and moderately widespread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and to crown thin by up to 15%. The works are to allow access beneath the tree, and to 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:26/03/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 27.03.2025