DELEGATED APPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT SHEET

Application No: 11/0173/TPO	Recommendation – Approve Application
Site	57 Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BH
Proposal:	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 18 of 1989 to fell group of four Leyland Cypress (G2) in front garden and provide replanting.

Date of Site Visit: 7th April 2011

Neighbours Checked: Y

Additional Neighbours Notified (List Addressess): N

Site and Surroundings & Details of Proposal:

Consent is sought to fell a small group of four Leyland Cypress trees, G2 under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 18 of 1989 (which are maintained as a hedge) in the eastern part of the front garden of 57 Furze Road, a detached house, and to replant with a new tree towards the front boundary of the property.

The reasons for the works are on visual amenity grounds, as follows:

(i) The trunks of the trees are close to the footpath between the house and the front gate;
(ii) Maintenance of the trees to keep usage of the footpath is becoming very difficult;
(iii) The trees have been topped/trimmed in the past; and have low visual amenity value;
(iv) The trees cut out a great deal of light to the front of the house;
(v) A new tree near the front gate, combined with careful planting of large shrubs adjacent to the path, would improve the view from the highway and open up the footpath.

Consultations and Representations

Consultations/Comments

The occupiers of the adjoining property to the east of the site, 55 Furze Road, comment that they fully support the application.

The Borough Arboriculturist supports the application, and comments:

"No objection to the removal of the clipped Leylandii subject to replacement planting. There is only realistically space for one replacement tree, and in this regard a standard Whitebeam or Field Maple is suggested."

Planning Assesment:

The original group of four Leyland Cypress tree, G2 under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 18 of 1989, now consist of a clipped hedge, for which consent has not been granted in the past. The trees have lost their amenity value as trees, and now form an

evergreen hedge bordering the footpath on the eastern side of the front garden between the house and the road.

In view of their low public amenity value the removal of the trees/hedge, subject to the provision of suitable replanting, would not be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area in the longer term.

It is recommended that the replacement tree be planted in the north-eastern part of the front garden adjacent to the front gate, where it should become a feature of Furze Road for the future.

Suggested species are a Whitebeam (Sorbus aria) or a Field Maple (Acer campestre).

Subject to appropriate conditions of consent being satisfied, this application is considered to be acceptable.

Recommendation:

Approve, subject to the condition(s):

1. Felling to be carried out within six months from the date of consent.

2. Replacement tree planting required (with the preference for a standard Whitebeam or a Field Maple) in the north-eastern part of the site and carried out before 31st December 2011

3. Replacement tree required, should the replaced tree under Condition 2 be removed, uprooted, destroyed or die within 5 years of the date of planting.

Reasons: In the interests of visual amenity.

Is recommendation contrary to letter (s) of representation?

No/~~Yes~~/NA

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Case Officer Sign..... [redacted] .....Date.....28th April 2011.....

Authorising Officer Sign..... [redacted] .....Date.....4·5·11.....