Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/11/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1385/23**
Address	**26 Cowper Road Worthing West Sussex West Sussex**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, and crown lift up to 5 metres two Sycamore trees T1 & T2 in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 19/10/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature Sycamore trees located either side of the vehicular entrance from Heene Road. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and crown lift Sycamore trees T1 & T2.

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

1981: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 23 of 1981 confirmed on 08/09/1981.

1989: The property is included within the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area X designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Sycamores growing in small borders to the east of the boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of Heene Road to the north and south sides of the entrance driveway from Heene Road. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

<u>Sycamore T1</u>
This tree is to the North side of the entrance, and has a single stem to 1.8 metres, where it then divides into three mostly upright stems, that each support widespread laterals from 3 to 4 metres, and persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The tree has an incursion of thick Ivy up to 7 to 8 metres. high in the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

Sycamore T2
The Sycamore tree T2 has a single stem to 0.5 metres where it divides into three main stems that each divide again at 2 metres, with the secondary stems being mostly straight upright and persisting to the top. The first significant laterals emerge from 3 metres. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with an incursion of Ivy that is not as heavy as T1.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, and crown lift up to 5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the trees and allow access beneath their crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the Shakespeare Road 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: 15/11/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 15/11/23