Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 08/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0950/24**
Address	**3 Church Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1ET**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1994 to reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and remove lowest limb to East one Walnut tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 24/09/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small sized mature Walnut tree located near the Southeast corner of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and remove lowest limb to East one Walnut tree T4

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1994: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1994 confirmed on 06/09/1994.

1995: Application to remove side branches and dead wood from one Hazel tree (T1) overhanging No.5 Church Road (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1/1994)

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order 1 of 1994 to reduce the radial spread by 1.5 metres to 2 metres, to reduce height by 1.5 metres to 2 metres, to crown lift to 4 metres and to crown clean one Blue Atlas Cedar (T2) in rear garden.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1994 to remove lowest limb back to source one Atlantic Blue Cedar T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Walnut growing in the rear garden adjacent to the close to the main building and adjacent to a brick built wood store/garden building. The tree is prominent to the area.

The tree has a leaning single stem to 2 metres, where it begins to divide into several stems that form a wide array. The leaf cover is mostly sparse, with several areas of deadwood. The main crown is

dense with branches and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, particularly to the East and Northeast.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and remove lowest limb to East. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow clearance to adjacent buildings and encourage new growth.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, but 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: 08/10/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 08.10.2024