Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/01/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1455/23**
Address	**51 Lansdowne Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 5HB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.14 of 2005 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, crown thin 10% and remove deadwood one Sycamore tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 06/12/23

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 Sycamore located near the Northwest corner of the front garden, adjacent to the pavement of Lansdowne Road. 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 reduce radial spread, crown lift, crown thin 10% and remove deadwood.

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

2005: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 14 of 2005 confirmed on 02/06/2005.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 14 of 2005 to crown lift one Sycamore (T1) over the adjacent highways, Lansdowne Road and Lansdowne Close to 6m over the carriageways and to 3m over the pavements, and clean out by the removal of deadwood and crossed and abrading branches.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Sycamore growing in the front garden adjacent to the low boundary wall close to the junction of Lansdowne Road, and Lansdowne Close. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Sycamore tree T1 has twin stems from ground level that are fused to 1.25 metres. The West stem divides from 2 metres, with the more upright central stem persisting to 3.5 metres, the secondary stems are mostly upright and form a wide array. The first significant laterals emerge from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, crown thin 10% and remove deadwood. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and to allow access beneath and 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: 12/01/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.01.2024