Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 28/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1066/24**
Address	**75 Sea Lane Worthing West Sussex BN12 4QD**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.22 of 1995 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Ash tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 23/10/24

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 Ash tree located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 22 of 1995 confirmed on 28/07/1995.

1996: pruning of overhanging lower branches of the Holly tree within group G1 over the boundary with no. 73 Sea Lane up to seven feet above ground level.

2002: Application for consent to crown lift by up to 5 metres and crown reduce by 20% one Holly tree (G1). **Split Decision-Approved with Conditions** **Split Decision - REFUSED Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 22/1995 to crown reduce by up to 40%, to crown thin by 30% one Ash tree (T1).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 22 of 1995 to reduce in height and radial spread by up to 0.5 metres two Holly trees of group G1

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Ash growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary fence with 77 Sea Lane, which is also the boundary of the Goring Conservation Area. The tree is part of the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level, with several stems that each divide from 3 metres into several upright stems that mostly persist to within 3 to 4 metres of the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass 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: 28/10/2024

Authorised by: PB Date: 28/10/24