Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1056/24**
Address	**31 Uplands Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN13 3AE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 1986 to fell and replace one Silver Birch tree T1 of group G1. tree in the Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 10/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Silver Birch tree located near the Southwest corner of front garden. 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 fell and replace Silver Birch tree T1 of group G1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1986: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 6 of 1986 confirmed on 23/09/1986.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 1986 to reduce radial spread by 1.5m towards house and crown thin by 10% to one Silver Birch Tree, fell one decayed Silver Birch tree and reduce bough projecting over highway back to 3m, reduce radial spread on north side by 1.5m and crown thin by 10% to one Silver Birch tree all within Group G1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is one of two remaining tall Silver Birch trees of group G1, growing in the front garden in a small grassed area adjacent to pavement and the crossover from Uplands Avenue. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Silver Birch tree T1 of group G1is located the furthest West of the group closest to the main building, the tree has a leaning slender single stem to 8 metres, where it divides into 3, each persisting to the top where the stems divide again. There is a large secondary that emerges on the west side at 2.25 metres, and extends to the top of the crown. The base of the tree is elongated. The tree has some foliage on a small cluster of epicormic growth, but is otherwise bare. The main crown is stag headed with some remaining (dead) foliage at the centre.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, which appears to have been dead for several months.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed felling of the Silver Birch tree of group G1, identified on the applicants plan as T1,and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 15/10/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.10.2024