Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0711/24**
Address	**Mulberry House 89a Poulters Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 7SX**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.5 of 2010 to remove north limb, reduce crown height 2 metres and reduce radial spread 1 metre one Beech tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 26/06/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Beech tree of group G1, located near the centre of the northern boundary wall adjacent to the footpath of Poulters Lane. 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 remove the northern limb, reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 24 of 1998 confirmed on 20/11/1998.

2010: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 5 of 2010 confirmed on 09/11/2010.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 24 of 1998 to fell 2 Hawthorn trees (G1) in front garden adjacent to Poulters Lane, and to provide replacement planting. Refused.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Beech growing in the front garden opposite the junction of Poulters Lane and Offington Gardens. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 0.75 metre, where it then divides into 3 main upright stems and several smaller stems and laterals. The main stems mostly persist to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The tree has limbs and foliage from ground level. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height 2 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre and remove one limb to the North back to source. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and to allow clearance to the adjacent public pavement.

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: 09/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.08.2024