Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/06/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0689/24**
Address	**57 Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.18 of 1989 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, and crown thin 10% Pine tree T1 of group G3, and to crown lift up to 8 metres, removing three lowest limbs on Southside and crown thin 5% Pine T2 of group G3.**

Date of site visit: 13/06/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large tall mature Pines located to the Southern end of the rear garden. The trees are a prominent part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, and crown thin Pine tree T1 of group G3, and to crown lift removing three lowest limbs on Southside and crown thin Pine T2 of group G3.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1989: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 18 of 1989 confirmed on 18/03/1991.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 18/1989 to crown lift to 6.6 metres and remove deadwood to two Pine trees (G3) and fell one further Pine tree (G3)

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 18 of 1989 to fell group of four Leyland Cypress (G2) in front garden and provide replanting.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature pines growing in the lower Southern half of the sloped rear garden. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Pine T1 of group G3</u>
This tree is the largest and oldest of the two and located closest to the main building. The tree has a single stem to 3 metres where it then divides into 3 to 4 main stems with the stump of a large stem to the Southwest, having been lost or damaged more than 10 years ago. The other stems are smaller

and mostly upright with the first laterals emerging at 7 to 8 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, and crown thin 10%. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

Pine T2 of group G3

The Pine tree T2 of group G3 is located further down the rear garden close to the Southern boundary. The tree is slightly smaller and younger than T1, with a slightly slender single stem that extends to 10 metres. The main stem divides with a strong “Y” shaped union at 10 metres with the first laterals on the secondary stems emerging from 10.5 metres. There are 3 limbs that are lower than the union, within 0.5 metres of each other. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 8 metres, removing the three lowest limbs on the Southside and crown thin up to 5%. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, and allow more light and air to pass beneath and through the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the area Conservation 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: 19/06/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 20.06.2024