Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 30/01/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1631/23**
Address	**Pavia Cherry Walk Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.68 of 2001 to fell and replace one Cherry tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/11/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Cherry located near the Northeast corner of the front garden close to the carriageway of Cherry Walk. 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 one Cherry tree T1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 68 of 2001 confirmed on 25/09/2001.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 68 of 2001 to remove lowest branch on south side of one Flowering Cherry (T1) over the boundary with 29 Salvington Hill.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Cherry growing within the lawn area of the front garden adjacent to the pavementless road of Cherry Walk. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single leaning stem that emerges above ground level from an elongated base and persists to 1.5 metres, where it then divides into several smaller stems and laterals. The base of the tree is severely damaged and has what appears to be secondary fruiting bodies on the large amount of deadwood. The crown has an imbalance to the East with smaller branch work on the West side. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some deadwood and decay on the Eastern side.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree T1 due to its poor condition.

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 Cherry tree 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: 30/01/2024

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 30/01/2024