Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/08/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0824/23**
Address	**1 Glynde House 4 West Parade Worthing West Sussex BN11 3QP**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2004 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre, to previous points, one Holm Oak tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 21/06/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single mature Holm Oak tree growing in the southeast corner of the rear grounds of Glynde House. The tree is an established feature, which is prominent in the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to to reduce back to previous points.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 2004 confirmed on 12/01/2005.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2004 to crown lift to 3 metres on eastern side and clean out the crown of one Holm Oak (T1).

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2004 to crown lift to 3 metres and minor crown reduction (east side) to one Holm Oak (T1).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2004 to crown lift up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres on one Holm Oak tree T1

2016: The application refers to a single mature Oak tree growing in the southeast corner of the front garden of Glynde House. The tree is an established feature, which is prominent in the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2004 to reduce back to previous points (approx. 1m of re-growth) of one Holm Oak (T1).

Planning Assessment

The Holm Oak T1 is a mature tree with a restricted growth pattern due to its proximity to the seafront. The tree has twin stems from ground level that are fused to 2 metres. The two stems divide at 2.25 metres, and become wide spreading laterally at 4 metres. The tree has a squat wide spreading crown which has been shaped by salt laden sea winds. The main crown is mostly dense and wide spread, with mostly bushy re-growth of up to 1 metre toward the east.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre, to previous points, to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around its 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: 10/08/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/8/23