Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0634/23**
Address	**60 Arundel Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3EL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.76 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 2.5 metres, reduce or remove selected limbs, and crown lift up to 5.5 metres one tree Silver Birch tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 14/06/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Silver Birch tree located near the southeast corner of the front garden adjacent to the access way and footpath that links Arundel Road to Cheviot Road. 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 reduce radial spread, reduce or remove selected limbs, and crown lift.

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

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 76 of 2001 confirmed on 12/10/2001.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature Silver Birch growing in the front garden adjacent to the low boundary wall. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has a small diameter leaning single stem to 5 metres, where it divides into two: the west stem corrects to upright and mostly persists with the east stem continuing to angle eastward. There is a secondary stem that emerges from 4 metres and achieves an equal height in the crown. The main crown is dense, with some low hanging, and widespread limbs over extended laterals over the public footpath/ roadway.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 2.5 metres, reduce or remove selected limbs, and crown lift up to 5.5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate nuisance, and allow access beneath the 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: 23/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 23/6/23