Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 28/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0699/24**
Address	**2 Kinfauns Drive Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to crown lift up to 6 metres, one English Oak T1 and one Hornbeam T2 both of group G4.**

Date of site visit: 27/08/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature trees, one English Oak and one Hornbeam, located near the Northeast corner 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 crown lift up to 6 metres, one English Oak T1 and one Hornbeam T2 both of group G4.

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 98 of 2001 confirmed on 18/02/2002.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to fell one Hornbeam and one Holly (within Group G2) and to reduce crown spread towards No. 1 Kinfauns Drive of 4 Holly, 3 Ash and 2 Hornbeam (Part of Group G2) and crown lift to 3 metres one English Oak and one Hornbeam in Group G4 adjacent to rear boundary.

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 98 of 2001 to fell one Hornbeam tree along southern boundary of rear garden (Part of Group G2) and to replant with a Field Maple.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 98 of 2001 to crown lift up to 5 metres one Sweet Chestnut tree (1 Kinfauns Drive) and to crown lift up to 5 metres on south side and crown lift to clear buildings by up to 2 metres on north side of one Ash tree of Group G2. (2 Kinfauns Drive).

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 1.5 metres on Ash tree T1 of group G2, to reduce

radial spread and crown height by up to 1 metres on Ash tree T2 of group G2, and to fell and replace one Hornbeam tree T3 of group G2.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 3 metres Holly tree T4, Reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre Holly tree T6 and to crown lift up to 3 metres Holly tree T5 all of group G2.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to fell and replace one Ash tree T1 of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The English Oak t1 and Hornbeam T2 of group G4 are two tall mature trees growing in the rear garden. The trees are prominent to the area, and provide a back drop to the low rise buildings of Kinfauns Close.

The two trees were not part of a close inspection, although both have been previously advised on during other site visits. The trees are visible from the public road, and make a contribution to the amenity and local landscape of the area. The main crowns are combined with the Hornbeam being intertwined with the equally tall Poplar of group G4 to its Southern side. The crowns are dense and wide spread with some lower hanging laterals that are not visible from the road.

The proposed works are to crown lift both trees up to 6 metres. The works are to allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass under their crowns.

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.

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: 28/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 28.08.2024