Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 20/02/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1559/24**
Address	**2 Longlands Spinney Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres (to previous points) one Norway Maple tree T1 of group G3.**

Date of site visit: 13/02/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one medium to large mature Maple tree growing in the rear garden adjacent to the eastern boundary fencing. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points one Norway Maple tree T1 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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2003 confirmed on 22/01/04.

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce and reshape one Horse Chestnut Tree within Group G3.

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres two Norway Maple trees of group G3.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce height and spread by up to 2.5 metres on two Norway Maple trees of group G3.

Planning Assessment

The tree is one of two large mature Norway Maples that are part of group G3, which consists of eight trees spread over three rear gardens: Nos 2 3 and 4 Longlands Spinney. The trees of this group are clearly visible from the road and make a significant contribution to the character of the area.

The Norway Maple T2 is the older of the two trees with a large gnarled single stem that persists to 10 metres, in reduced form from 3 metres. The main stem is curved and meandering with 2 to 3 co-

dominant stems emerging at a curve from 3 metres. The tree has been previously reduced with the re-growth being dense and upright. The main crown is dense and widespread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, to previous points. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass 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:20/02/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 20.02.2025