WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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SPLIT DECISION UNDER TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)

APPLICATION NUMBER: AWDM/0517/24

On behalf of: Mrs Anne Urquhart

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Council hereby PART REFUSE CONSENT and PART CONSENT to the following works that is to say:

Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.17 of 2004 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, and crown thin 15% one Holm Oak tree, and to fell and replace one Corsican Pine both of group G2.

5 Springfield Gardens Worthing West Sussex BN13 2DF

to be carried out in accordance with Plan and Application No. AWDM/0517/24 (as modified by the under-mentioned conditions, if any) submitted to the Council on 23/05/2024 subject to compliance with the conditions specified hereunder.

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Planning Services Manager

Date:11/07/2024

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SCHEDULE

Reasons for Refusal

01. Refuse for the reason(s):-

1. The Corsican Pine tree T2 of group G2 is a prominent and established feature, which contributes positively to local character and landscape of the area, and its removal would be detrimental. Having regard to the maturity and stature of the tree and its prominence within the street scene there is no arboricultural or other acceptable reason provided which would justify the loss of this tree. Alternative works could be considered, such as crown lifting crown thinning which would require a new application.

Conditions for Approval

01. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans unless specified otherwise in a subsequent condition imposed on this decision notice.

Reference/Drawing Number	Version	Date Rec
TREE LOCATION SKETCH PLAN	Item 7 of Application Form	23.05.2024
SUPPORTING STATEMENT		23.05.2024

Reason: *For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.*

02. The proposed works to the Holm oak T1 of group G2, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the description 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.*

Notes to Applicant

You are strongly advised to ensure that the tree surgeon carrying out the work is made aware of the above conditions. Should the works carried out exceed that which is permitted, then it may be open to the Local Planning Authority to take prosecution action against the owner of the tree(s) and the tree surgeon. If the applicant is unclear about any aspect of the specification for works, they are strongly advised to contact the Council's Arboricultural Officer prior to the commencement of the works.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the provisions of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000. Under the Act, it is an offence both to intentionally or recklessly destroy a bat roost, regardless of whether the bat is in roost at the time of inspection. All trees should therefore be thoroughly checked for the existence of bat roosts prior to any works taking place. If in doubt, the applicant is advised to contact the Bat Conservation Trust at 15, Cloisters, 8, Battersea Park Road, London, SW8 4BG. Their telephone number is 020 7627 2629.

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The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES FROM THE ABOVE ORDER. THEY ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DO NOT PRETEND TO SET OUT THE WHOLE OF THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO CONSULT YOUR SOLICITOR IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT

Appeals to the Secretary of State

1. Where an application is made to the authority for consent under the Order and that consent is refused by that authority or is granted by them subject to conditions, or where any certificate or direction is given by the authority, the applicant, if he is aggrieved by their decision on the application, or by any such certificate, or the person directed if he is aggrieved by the direction, may by notice under this section appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

2. A notice under this section shall be served in writing within twenty-eight days from the date of notification of the decision, certificate or direction, as the case may be, or such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow. Appeals can be made online at: https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

3. Where an appeal is brought under this section from a decision, certificate or direction of the authority, the Planning Inspectorate, subject to the following provisions of this section, may allow or dismiss the appeal, or may reverse or vary any part of the decision of the authority, whether the appeal relates to that part thereof or not, or may cancel any certificate or cancel or vary any direction, and may deal with the application as if it has been made to him in the first instance.

4. Before determining an appeal under this section, the Planning Inspectorate shall, if either the appellant or the authority so desire, afford to each of them an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the Planning Inspectorate for the purpose.

5. The decision of the Planning Inspectorate on any appeal under this section shall be final.

6. Where this notice conveys approval or permission, conditional or unconditional, please note that the decision given does not purport to convey any consent or approval which may be required under the Building Act and Building Regulations, or any other legislation.

7. If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.