Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0916/24**
Address	**Floral Dene Court Wantley Road Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2006 to remove/reduce damaged limb to East one Cypress tree of group G5.**

Date of site visit: 31/05/24

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 Cypress tree at the Eastern end of group G5, in the rear car parking area of the complex. The tree is part of a group that makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to remove or greatly reduce a damaged limb to the Eastern side of the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2006 confirmed on 12/06/2007.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Cypress that is part of group G5, that is located along the Southern boundary of the rear grounds and parking area. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 4.5 metres, where it then divides into two tightly forked secondary stems that persist to 8 metres, before dividing again. The first limbs emerge from 3 metres, including a partially damaged large diameter Eastern limb, that is the subject of the application. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to remove or reduce the damaged limb to East, that overhangs the property and building of 53 Findon Road (applicants). The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance and for general safety.

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: 07/10/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 07/10/2024