Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0728/23**
Address	**7 Parkfield Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1EN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Eucalyptus tree T7.**

Date of site visit: 15/06/23

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 Eucalyptus tree on the west side of the rear garden. The tree is a tall prominent feature that makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread on the East side only.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of 2004 confirmed on 10/01/2005.

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8/2004 to reduce the lowest branches of one Eucalyptus tree (T7) in rear garden on south east, north and north east sides by 3 metres to growth points and lowest branch on west side by up to 2 metres. Raise crown to 2.5 metres and trim miscellaneous higher branches by up to 1 metre.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to raise crown to 4.5 metres, thin canopy by 15%, reduce longer branches by average 1 metre, reduce weight on very large bough over garden of No. 9 Parkfield Road and install non-invasive bracing to main stem and bough of one Eucalyptus (T7) in rear garden.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 86 of 2004 to raise canopy to approximately 7 metres (pendular branches only removed), remove dead wood. Reduce radial spread up to 1.5 metres of Eucalyptus (T7) in rear garden.

2017: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to raise canopies to 2.5m over footpath and 3.5m-4m over highway; reduce radial spread over highway by up to 1m to group of trees in front garden G4.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, one Eucalyptus tree T7.

Planning Assessment

The Eucalyptus T7 is a large mature tree growing in the rear garden adjacent to the western boundary. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres where it then divides into two main large stems that are both upright and mostly persist to the top of the crown. The main crown is dense and some wide spread, with some lower hanging secondary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres on the East side of the tree. Application AWDM/1278/22 to reduce the West side of the tree, over the rear garden of the neighbouring property of 9 Parkfield Road was carried out in Winter 2022 - 2023, this work is to continue with the overall maintenance of the tree, to contain the spread, and allow more light and air to pass around 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: 07/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 7/7/23