Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/05/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0312/24**
Address	**5 Christchurch Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1JH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1978 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres one Lime tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 22/04/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a multi-stemmed Lime tree in the Southwest corner of the rear garden of 5 Christchurch Road. The tree is partially visible from the main roads of Christchurch and Abbotts Close, and is a screen between 5 Christchurch Road and the separate property Markswood which is to the South of 8 Abbotts Close.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1978: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 1978 confirmed on 02/03/1979.

1980: Application for Trimming of 1 Lime tree In South-West corner (Tpo No 12/78). 5 Christchurch Road – Refused.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 1978 to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 1 metre, and to reduce height by up to 1 metre on one Lime tree (T3)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Lime growing in the Southwest corner of the rear garden adjacent to the boundary of the Richmond Road Conservation Area. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has numerous stems emerging from ground level, some of these stems have been reduced low in the crown, which has added to the bushy appearance of the tree. The tree has a mass of tall slender stems that mostly persist to 7 to 8 metres before dividing. The first laterals emerge from 5 to 6 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and to reshape its 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: 10/05/2024

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 13 May 2024