Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date: 28/06/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0587/24**
Address	**Romans Residential Home 1 Roman Road Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TP**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/1/91 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 27/06/24

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 Beech tree located within the enclosed garden area to the west of the main building. The tree is a prominent 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.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Adur Tree Preservation order Number TPO/13.53/1/91(SW) confirmed on 21/11/1991.

2002: Works To Beech, Holly, Prunus, And Holm Oak Trees Subject To Tpo 13.53/1/91(SW)

2009: Reduction of limbs (on north and east sides) of Beech tree (subject to TPO 13/53/1/91/SW)

2013: Application for consent under Adur District Council Tree Preservation Order 13.53/1/91 (SW) to reduce radial spread of crown on east and west aspects by up to 2m, reduce radial spread of crown on south aspect by up to 3m, crown thin by up to 10% and reduce height by up to 3m one Beech tree (T1). Remove dead wood and broken limbs from two Holm Oak trees (T7 and T9) Crown lift over car park up to 3m one Holm Oak (T1) Crown lift up to 3m.

2016: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53/01/91(SW) of 1991 to install Tree Support System to one Beech tree T1 and one Holm Oak T5, to crown lift up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread on north side by up to 2 metres, two Holm Oak trees T9 and T7, and to remove one rubbing limb on Prunus tree T6.

2019: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/1/91(SW) to crown lift up to 5 - 6m, and remove large/dangerous dead wood of one Holm Oak (T5), reduce crown by 1.5

- 2m of one Prunus (T6), remove large/dangerous dead wood from two Holm Oaks (T7 & T9), and to reduce crown spread by 1.5 - 2m and reduce height by 1.5 - 2m one Beech (T1) and trim back to boundary line one Holly (T2).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the rear grounds to the West of the main building. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

Beech T1
This is a prominent specimen tree, growing within the fenced off garden, in a lawn area close to the centre of the complex of buildings. The tree is single stemmed to 2.5 metres where it divides, with the first laterals emerging from 2 metres. The main crown is dense, consisting of several large diameter upright secondary stems that support the smaller wide spread laterals. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce the crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, abate possible nuisance to the buildings 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: 28/06/2024

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 28 June 2024