Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/11/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1115/24**
Address	**Charnwood Court 2 Farncombe Road Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 2002 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres and remove deadwood one Tulip tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 04/09/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Tulip tree near the Northwest corner of the front rear garden adjacent to the entrance roadway from Farncombe Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and remove deadwood.

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

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VII (Farncombe Road) designated by the Council on 7th November 1985.

2002: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 11 of 2002 confirmed on 17/05/2002.

2002: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11of 2002 for crown lifting up to 4 metres above ground level and removal of dead and diseased wood to Tulip Tree (T1)

2014: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown reduce radial spread on north side to give up to 3 metres clearance to building one Sycamore tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11 of 2002 to crown reduce by up to 2m on south and east sides and crown lift to 5m above car park to one Sweet Chestnut (T1).

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial crown spread to north by 1.5m, reduce radial crown spread to south by 2.5m of 1 no. Sycamore tree to south of property.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11 of 2002 to reduce radial crown spread by 3m of Tulip tree T1 to north away from neighbouring property.

Planning Assessment

The Tulip tree T1 is a small large mature tree growing in the front grounds near the Northwest corner of the main building. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has twin stems from 0.5 metres, with each stem dividing into two at 4 to 4.5 metres, and supporting wide spreading scaffold limbs. The main stems have some damage, which has callused over with strong re-growth. The main crown is dense high and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres and remove deadwood.

The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, abate possible future nuisance, and allow more light and air to pass 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 Farncombe Road Conservation 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: 19/11/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 19/11/2024