Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/06/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0521/24**
Address	**173 Heene Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4NN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.32 of 2003 to fell and replace one Western Red Cedar tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 22/04/24

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 Western Red Cedar tree located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Western Red Cedar tree T1.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1989: The property is included within the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area X designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 32 of 2003 confirmed on 12/01/2004.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 32 of 2003 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5m of one Western Red Cedar tree (T1) in rear garden.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.32 of 2003 to reduce crown height by up to 4 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, one Western Red Cedar tree T1.

Planning Assessment

This tree is a large mature Red Western Cedar growing in the rear garden, where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem that persists to the upper half of the crown where it then divides into three smaller central upright stems. The top of the crown has retained the natural triangular shape, with the lower crown having become broader and beginning to develop separate spires. The base of the tree has several areas of damage and decay with the first 1 metre from

ground level having more than 50% of the circumference damaged. Some of the bark between the areas of decay appears to be hollow when tapped. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to severe damage to the base of the tree.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed felling of the Red Western Cedar T1, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 10/06/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 11.06.2024