Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0585/23**
Address	**1 Mayfield Close Worthing West Sussex BN14 0AG**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.27 of 2001 to reduce selected limb on westside and remove deadwood one Monterey Cypress T13, and remove deadwood one False acacia T15.**

Date of site visit: 03/05/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two trees in the extended rear garden of 1 Mayfield Close: one Macrocarpa T13 and one False Acacia tree T15. The trees are a part of an established group of trees, which infill the rear gardens of properties in Mayfield Close Findon Road and the more recently developed Valley Gardens. Both of the trees make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce one selected limb on the westside and remove deadwood Monterey Cypress T13, and to remove deadwood False acacia T15.

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

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 27 of 2001 confirmed on 12/06/01.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.27 of 2001 to remove one selected limb on north side back to source on one False Acacia T15, and to fell, without replacement one Purple Plum T17 Split consent. Refused fell, without replacement one Purple Plum T17.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 27 of 2001 to reduce radial spread on east side by up to 3 metres and crown lift up to 4 metres one Macrocarpa T13 and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres and remove selected limb on eastside to one False Acacia T15

Planning Assessment

The trees are a large mature Macrocarpa growing near the northeast corner of the rear garden and a slightly smaller mature False Acacia growing approximately midway along the eastern boundary. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are;

Macrocarpa T13

This tree has a large diameter single stem to 5 metres where it then divides into 2 to 3 main upright stems that mostly persist to the top. A large distorted twisted secondary stem emerges at 4 metres to the northwest that meanders to the west over the garden area. The main crown is dense and wide spread from 3 metres with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce the low western stem by up to 2 to 3 metres. The works are to allow clearance to the garden and reduce weight on the limb.

False Acacia T15

The False Acacia tree is single stemmed to 6 metres, with a tall slender secondary stem that emerges on the northwest side at 2.5 metres. At 6 metres the main stem divides into three mostly upright secondary stems. The main crown is sparse and moderately wide spread with some deadwood.

The proposed works are to remove deadwood.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 23/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 26/6/23