Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/06/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0616/23**
Address	**1 Parkfield Road Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres one Yew tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 15/06/23

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 Yew tree located near the centre of the northern boundary of the complex, adjacent to the footpath of Parkfield Road. 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 radial spread Yew tree T1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of 2004 confirmed on 10/01/2005.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to carry out selective remedial pruning works and dead wooding to various trees; 1 Flowering Crab, 1 Leyland Cypress, 1 Silver Birch, 1 Smooth Arizona Cypress, 3 Sycamores and 1 Yew (T1, T2 and T3 and trees within Groups G2 and G3).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to re-pollard to previous points and remove deadwood one Sycamore tree of group G1 to Former Irene House, 1 Parkfield Road.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread to west by up to 3 metres to 2 Sycamore trees of group G3.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Yew growing in the front grounds between the parking areas, close to the junction of Parkfield Road, and South Street. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a compound stem that begins to divide from 2 metres, becoming two distinct clusters of stems from 2.75 to 3 metres. The larger upright stems of both clusters mostly persist to the top. The first significant laterals emerge from 4 metres, with some minor epicormic growth and small basal growth from ground level. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to the east to suitable growth points by up to 2 metres. The works are to reduce the overhang across the adjacent parking space to help alleviate the amount of debris on parked cars.

These works in my opinion would be 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: 26/06/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 26/6/23