Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 28/09/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1066/23**
Address	**23 Cheviot Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 2LL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.77 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, one Ash tree T1 of group G2.**

Date of site visit: 26/09/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized early mature Ash located near the Northwest corner of the rear garden, adjacent to the pavement of Warren Road. The tree is a 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

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 77 of 2001 confirmed on 17/12/01.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.77 of 2001 to crown lift up to 3.5 metres, reduce radial spread by 1.5 to 2 metres, reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, and to crown thin up to 15% one Ash tree of group G2.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 77 of 2001 to reduce height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, of one Ash part of Group G2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized early mature growing in the rear garden of 23 Cheviot Close, which backs onto the main route of the A27/Arundel Road. The tree is part of a number of private and street trees that line the road and are prominent to the area.

The tree has a curved single stem to 5 metres, where it then divides into 2 smaller stems, that each divide several times to the top of the crown. The first large lateral to the Southeast forms a separate spire 2 metres from the central bole. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread with some lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, and allow more light and air to pass around the crown. However the amount of work appears to have been slightly overestimated, and has been changed by conditions.

These amended 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;

   i Reduction in crown height of up to 2 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of up 1 to 2 metres 2 metres on the widest most protruding limbs.

   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: 28/09/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 28/9/23