Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/08/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0725/23**
Address	**Worthing College 1 Sanditon Way Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1958 to fell and replace one Pine tree T630 of group G17.**

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 tall mature Pine tree located near the centre of the eastern Woodlands designated as group G17 on Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1958. The tree is part of a number of trees that cohesively form a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1958: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1958 confirmed 14 November 1947.
1979: Application to fell 1 Cupressus Macrocarpa Group G.2 and 1 Cupressus Macrocarpa Group G.17 and to lop 1 Weeping Ash Group G.1
1983: Application to fell 28 trees including Holm Oak, Scots Pine, Lawson Cypress, False Acacia, Beech, Ash and Sycamore distributed within Groups G1,G2,G3 and G18 and lopping 9 trees including Holm Oak and Sycamore within Groups G3 and G17 The Warren Warren Road.
1996: Application to carry out works to one Copper Beech and one Sycamore (within group G1) comprising:- raise crown to give minimum of 1.5m clearance from roof of adjacent workshop to Copper Beech, and insert supportive cable brace to Sycamore - London & Edinburgh The Warren Warren Road
2006: Application to crown reduce and clean out 6 Sycamore (Acer Pseudoplatanus) within Groups G1 and G2 and crown lift and clean out 1 English Oak within Group G1
2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1of 1958 to reduce southern limb by up to 2 metres and install non-invasive bracing system to one Beech tree of group G1
2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1958 to reduce crown height up to 2 metres (to previous pollard points) and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres (to previous points), on three sycamore trees of group G1
2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1958 to crown lift up to 2.5 to 5.5 metres, 1 Oak and 6 mixed trees of group G4, and all trees adjacent to the

boundary wall of group G17 and G18, to remove dead and dying wood from 1 Norway Maple of group G18 and one Lime of group G18, and to fell and replace 1 Beech and 1 Field Maple of group G18, 1 Norway Maple of group G4, and all dead Elms of groups G4 and G18.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1958 to remove selected limb of two Holm Oak, and crown lift up to 3 metres, one Holm of group G17, to reduce radial spread 1 to 2 metres on two Sycamores of group G1, to reduce to allow clearance of 0.5 metres to adjacent building one English Oak of G1, to deadwood two Sycamore trees of group G17 and to fell and replace two Horse Chestnut trees of group G17 and one Ash tree of group G18.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1958 to deadwood 1 Holm Oak, 1 Horse Chestnut and 1 Monterey Pine of group G17 and 1 Ash of group G4 and 1 Monterey Pine of group G16, and to fell 1 Holly tree of group G1, 1 Sycamore of group G16 and one Horse Chestnut tree of group G17.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Pine growing in the densely wooded area that runs from adjacent to 84 Warren Road to the north to the junction with the Warren Road Roundabout to the South. The tree is part of a group that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a straight single stem that persists to the top, with most of the branches being either lost or dead, and no foliage remains on the tree. There is no main crown as the tree remains as mostly a single pole.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, which has been dead for several seasons.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and an 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 Pine tree of group G17, identified on the applicants plan as T756, 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: 04/08/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 4/8/23