Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 11/12/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1240/24**
Address	**1 Cleveland Copse Worthing West Sussex BN13 2JX**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1988 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, and remove damaged limb to East one Monterrey Cypress T7.**

Date of site visit: N/a

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Monterey Cypress tree in the front lawn area of 1 Cleveland Copse, adjacent to the entrance to Cleveland Copse from Cleveland Close. The tree is a part of an established group, which are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and remove damaged limb to East.

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

1988: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 3 of 1988 confirmed on 24/05/1988.

1999: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 1999 confirmed on 14/01/2000.

2000: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9/1999 to crown lift one Holm Oak (T7) up to four metres above ground level uniformly

2004: Application to fell one Sycamore tree and to dead wood, tidy up two Arizona Cypress (all within Group G2); crown lift and modest reduction of one Holm Oak (T6); and to crown lift, dead wood, shape and rebalance one Cupressus Macrocarpa (TPO 3/1988 refers). Split Decision Refused; Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9/1999 to fell one Sycamore tree and one Arizona Cypress.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1999 to crown lift three Cypress trees and one Sycamore tree by approximately 2m on the western side. By the removal of the lower secondary branches to the base and/or main branches respectively (both Group G2).

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2011: Application to crown lift to 3 metres one Sycamore and crown lift to 6 metres on west side and to 3.5 metres on east side on three Arizona Blue Cypress (Cupressus glabra) (Part of Group G2) and to crown reduce spread of one Holm Oak (T6) by up to 2m on southern side, towards the property. Split Decision Refused: Application to remove large ascending limb on west side on one Sycamore (part of Group G2) and to crown reduce one Holm Oak (T6) by 25%; and consent to fell one Monterey Cypress (T7 under TPO 3/1988)

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1999 to reduce height and crown spread and thin the crown of one Sycamore tree (Part of Group G2) on western boundary and to crown lift by 2 metres to the north from over the boundary fence on one Holm Oak (T7) on northern boundary adjacent to Cleveland Close.

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1988 to fell one Monterey Cypress tree T7, Reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre of one Holm Oak tree T1, and to dead wood three Arizona Cypress trees T4, T5 and T6.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1999 to reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, and crown thin 15% one tree Holm Oak tree T12, and reduce radial spread by 1.5 to 2 metres, an, crown thin 15% one Sycamore tree of group G2.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1988 to remove to ground level one Monterey Cypress tree (T7) and replace with Birch tree.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1988 to reduce radial spread and height by up to 3m and crown thin up to 15% to one Monterey Cypress (T7).

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1999 to reduce radial spread and height by up to 1.5m and crown thin up to 15% one Acer within Group G2.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1999 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metre and crown thin up to 15% on one Holm Oak (T6)

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1988 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Sycamore S1 of G2, and to fell and replace one Arizona Cypress A1 of G2.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1999 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, Sycamore tree T1 of group G2 and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, Holm Oak T6.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Monterey Cypress growing in the open plan front garden where it is prominent to the area and is an established feature that is visible from many views.

The tree is tall with a single stem extending to a crown break at 2 metres. The foliage emerges from 2.5 to 3 metres. The tree is healthy with foliage persisting some 2 -3 metres deep, and with an imbalance to its western aspect. As with many Monterey cypress, there are some dead and damaged branches present and areas of decay within the main bole. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, and remove damaged limb to East one Monterrey Cypress T7. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

These 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 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:10/12/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 11/12/2024