Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/12/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1363/23**
Address	**Land adjacent to 9 Tyne Close Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 2010 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, (to previous points) one Oak tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 23/11/23

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 Oak tree located in a narrow strip of land between 135 Adur Avenue (applicants) and 9 Tyne Close. The tree is a prominent part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to previous points.

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

2010: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 4 of 2010 confirmed on 28/09/2010.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Oak growing between the front driveway of 9 Tyne Close and the rear garden of 135 Adur Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into two main stems that each divide again from 5 metres. The secondary stems and laterals are mostly curved or twisted and persist to within 2 metres of the top. The first limbs emerge from 6 to 7 metres. The main crown is dense and spread widest to the north.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, (to previous points). The works are to contain the spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around the crown.

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: 22/12/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 22/12/23