Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/04/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0257/24**
Address	**Amberley 5 Longlands Grove Worthing West Sussex BN14 9FJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1999 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, Sycamore T1, and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metres Lime T2 and Sycamore T3 all of group G2.**

Date of site visit: 15/04/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three large mature trees located near the Northeast corner of the open plan front garden. The trees are a 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 Sycamore T1, Lime T2 and Sycamore T3 all of group G2.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1999: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1999 confirmed on 25/05/1999.

Planning Assessment

The trees are three large matures growing in the front garden adjacent to the boundaries with 54 First Avenue and 6 Longlands Glade. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

<u>Sycamore T1 of group G2</u>
This tree is at the Northwestern end of group G2. The tree has a large diameter single stem, with mature bark, that extends to 2 metres, where it then divides into two parallel upright stems that each persist to 10 to 12 metres. The first significant laterals are mostly upright and emerge from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

Lime T2 of group G2
The single Lime tree T2 is at the centre of the group, and has twin stems from ground level, which are tightly forked to 1 metre, where they begin to separate. The stem to the West divides at 3 metres, the East stem at 4 metres. The secondary stems on both sides are mostly upright. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

Sycamore T3 of group G2
This tree is located to the Southeast end of the group close to the driveway and parking area of the property. The tree has a single straight stem that persists to 9 metres, where it then divides into several long slender stems that form a narrow array. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for both the Lime T2 of G2 and Sycamore T3 of G2 are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 19/04/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 26/04/2024