Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/06/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0364/24**
Address	**10 Regency Court Rogate Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 2EF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.31 of 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres (to previous points) one Flowering Cherry tree T6.**

Date of site visit: 31/05/24

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 mature Cherry tree in the frontage of apartments Regency Court. The tree in the centre focal point of the grounds, located between the two driveways into the complex. The tree is 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 reduce the height and spread of the crown 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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 31 of 1990 confirmed on 04/02/1991.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 31 of 1990 to crown reduce by 2 or 3 metres one Flowering Cherry Tree (T6).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium mature Flowering Cherry growing in the front grounds adjacent to the junctions with Rogate Road. of Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene, and can be seen from many views.

The Flowering Cherry tree T6 has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into multiple long slender stems that angle outwards to form a broadly domed, and slightly squat crown. The scaffold limbs persist to 6 metres where they mostly divide again. The tree has some damned limbs with long cavities and strong callousing to each side. The main crown is dense with some wider spread slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, to previous points. 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: 12/06/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.06.2024