Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/11/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1234/23**
Address	**9 Coombe Rise Worthing West Sussex BN14 0ED**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.51 of 1990 to crown lift up to 4 metres, crown thin up to 10% and remove deadwood two Silver Birch trees of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 21/09/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two Silver Birch trees in the rear garden of 9 Coombe Rise, adjacent to Cissbury Gardens. The trees are slender tall narrow trees that are prominent and provide some amenity to the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift, crown thin and remove deadwood from both trees.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 51 of 1990 confirmed on 24/01/90.

2000: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.51 of 1990 to Crown lift to 3 metres by the removal of lowest branches back to the bole, one Atlas Cedar tree T1

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 51 of 1990 to fell one Blue Atlas Cedar (T1).

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.51 of 1990 to crown lift up to 4 metres and crown thin up to 15% three Silver Birch trees of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two tall mature Silver Birch growing in the rear garden adjacent to the Eastern boundary that extends along Cissbury Gardens. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are two slender stemmed trees, with central stems that persist to 10 metres on the southern tree and to the top of the crown on the north tree. Their form is columnar with mostly upright

secondary limbs that have limited or moderate spread. Both trees have limbs from 2.5 metres some of which are lower hanging, and have some distorted growth.

The proposed works for both trees are to crown lift up to 4 metres, crown thin up to 10% and remove deadwood. The works are to allow access beneath the crowns, to clear the pavement of Cissbury Gardens and to allow more light and air to pass through 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: 10/11/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/11/23