Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/01/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1367/24**
Address	**11 Parkfield Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1EN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to fell and replace one Purple Norway Maple tree T11.**

Date of site visit: 16/01/25

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 Purple leaved Maple tree in the rear garden growing close to the eastern boundary. The tree is a large prominent feature that makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Purple Norway Maple tree T11.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of 2004 confirmed on 10/01/2005.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order 8/2004 to crown lift to 5 metres above ground level and to clean out one Holly and one Sweet Chestnut tree (T8 and T9).

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to remove the two lowest boughs, to crown lift to 5 metres and crown clean the canopy of one Sweet Chestnut (T10).

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to crown lift to 5 metres one Purple Norway Maple (T11) in rear garden.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to crown lift up to 3 metres, crown reduce in height and radial spread by up to 1 metre one Purple Beech tree (T13); crown lift up to 3 metres, crown reduce radial spread of lower crown by up to 2 metres one Sweet Chestnut tree (T12); crown lift up to 3 metres, crown reduce in height and radial spread by up to 1 metre one Hornbeam tree (of group G5); crown lift up to 3 metres, and removal of selected large lower branches on southeast of crown on one Sweet Chestnut tree (of group G5).

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by 1 metre, raise canopy to 4.5 metres and remove dead wood to one Purple Leaved Maple tree T11.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, crown lift up to 4 metres, and remove deadwood one Sweet Chestnut tree T10.

Planning Assessment

The Norway Maple T11 is a large mature specimen growing in the rear garden adjacent to the eastern boundary. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres where it then divides into two main stems that are both upright and divide again from 8 metres. Several of the main stems have shedding bark. The main crown has a dense framework of branches, and is widespread. Most of the secondary limbs have no buds and cracked or missing bark.

The proposed works are to fell and replace one Purple Norway Maple tree T11. The tree is in decline and is unlikely to produce leaf cover next season.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed felling of the Norway Maple tree T11 and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size, species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date:27/01/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 27.01.2025