Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/10/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1086/23**
Address	**12 Wayside Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN13 3JU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1999 to reduce radial spread to north by up to 2 to 3 metres, one English Oak tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 04/10/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single English Oak tree in the southwest corner of the rear garden, the tree is prominent in the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to the North.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from nearby neighbour claiming requesting stating in objection in support

Relevant Planning History

1999: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 1999 confirmed on 15/12/99.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12/1999 to thin crown by up to 30%, to remove Ivy attached to one Oak Tree (T1).

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1999 to crown lift up to 5.5 metres one Oak tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Oak growing in the rear garden with a large wide spread base that crosses several properties. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is single stemmed to 1 metre, where the very large base then divides into two large diameter stems that each divide again at 2 metres. The two main secondary stems support laterals and uprights that form an array of thick stems that are mostly clear to 6 to 7 metres. The stems to the north are more upright, and the widest spread. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging secondary branches particularly to the west.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to the north by up to 2 to 3 metres. 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: 06/10/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/10/23