Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 28/06/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0578/24**
Address	**Goring Library Mulberry Lane Worthing West Sussex BN12 4NR**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Cherry tree (Prunus cerasifera) T20 in the Goring Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 06/06/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Purple leaved Plum located near the centre of the Eastern boundary. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Goring Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Cherry tree (Prunus cerasifera).

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13 of 1985 confirmed on 13/12/1985.

1989: The property is included within the Goring Conservation Area (IX) designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1985 to cut back limbs overhanging toilet block to give 1 metre clearance of building, remove deadwood from crown, crown lift branches over access path to a height of 2 metres by cutting back branches and selective limb removal to one Black Mulberry (T7).

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1985 to remove large torn limb stump from Black Mulberry (T7), to the branch union.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1985 to prune back branches of Mulberry Tree (T7) on the north-west side of Goring Library to clear telephone lines.

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1985 to reduce crown spread of one Black Mulberry (T7) to clear the building by 1 metre, and to clear telephone lines, and to crown lift the tree to 2 metres over the adjacent public footpath

2016: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 to 3 metres one Purple Leaved Plum tree in the Goring Conservation Area.

2023: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 2 to 2.5 metres, one Cherry tree T1 and one Conifer tree T2 in the Goring Conservation Area.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1985 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Black Mulberry tree T7, and to remove deadwood from Turkey Oak T8.

2023: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres one Yew tree T2, crown lift up to 3 metres Yew tree T4, crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and reduce lowest southern limb by up to 2 metres Mulberry Tree T5, reduce crown height by up to 4 metres and reduce radial spread up to 2 metres one Cherry tree T14 and to fell and replace Purple leaved plum tree T11 in the Goring Conservation Area.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1985 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Black Mulberry tree T7, and to remove deadwood from Turkey Oak T8.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Cherry growing in the front grounds adjacent to the pedestrian entrance and path from Goring Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has single stem to 2.25 metres, where it then divides into several smaller stems and laterals that form a wide array. The centre of the crown is also dense with many thin “water shoots”. The base of the tree has some blown bark and some hollow sections. The application mentions Ganoderma brackets being present, but this had been removed by close strimming at the time of inspection. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to damage at base.

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

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 28/06/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 01.07.2024