Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0569/24**
Address	**6 Longlands Glade Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NR**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.45 of 2003 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres Sycamore T1 of group G7 and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metres Sycamore trees T2 and T3 of group G7.**

Date of site visit: 08/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three large mature Sycamore trees, located to the Southwest of the rear garden. The trees as part of a group are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Sycamores T1 T2 and T3 of group G7.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 45 of 2003 confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 45 of 2003 to crown lift up to 5m, radial reduction up to 2.5m, height reduction up to 2m and crown thin by up to 15% one Beech tree (T4).

Planning Assessment

The trees are three large mature Sycamores growing in the rear garden adjacent to the Western boundary with properties in Longlands Grove. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Sycamore tree T1 of group G7</u>
This tree is located to the North of the group close to a brick and glass built garden room on raised ground. The tree has a slender single stem to 10 metres, where it then divides into two stems that each mostly persist to the top. The first limbs are from 2 metres, that support the wider spreading branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and abate possible future nuisance to the adjacent building.

Sycamore tree T2 of group G7
The middle tree of the group T2 has a large diameter single stem that persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The tree has a heavy incursion of heavy Ivy, that extends past the first laterals that emerge from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

Sycamore tree T3 of group G7
This tree is growing close to the Southwest corner of the rear garden. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 6 metres, where it then divides, with the resulting secondary stems arching outward from 7 to 8 metres. A slender secondary stem emerges from near ground level on the South side that archives an equal height in the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works for the Sycamore trees T2 and T3 of group G7 are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees.

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: 09/10/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 09/10/2024