Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 02/04/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1657/24**
Address	**11 The Plantation Worthing West Sussex BN13 2AA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.19 of 2004 to fell and replace one Walnut tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 01/04/25

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 Walnut tree located near the centre of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Walnut tree T1.

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 19 of 2004 confirmed on 26/01/2005.

2009: Application to fell one Monterey Pine in south western corner of rear garden (part of Group G1). Refused 27/01/10.

2010: Application to remove leading stem from one multi-stemmed Monterey Pine tree in south western corner of rear garden (part of Group G1). Refused 27/01/10 - Appeal dismissed 26/05/10.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 19 of 2004 for works to Monterey Pine in Group G1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Walnut growing in the rear garden where it is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres, where it reduces in size and the first secondary stems emerge. The stems divide at 4 metres into several stems that each divide again several times to the top. There are some long dead branches that have begun to crack and have open breaks. The main crown is sparse and widespread, with no buds or emerging leaves.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree that is clearly dead.

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 Walnut tree T1, 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:02/04/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 03.04.2025