Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/02/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1521/24**
Address	**49 Longlands Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NW**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.47 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, and crown thin up to 15% Norway Maple tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 13/02/25

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 Norway Maple located near the Southwestern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, and crown thin the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 47 of 2003 confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2004: Application to carry out various remedial works to pair of Beech trees within Group G4; Remove lowest branch growing in south easterly direction (from trunk) to one Norway Maple (T2).

2005: Application to crown reduce by 1 1/2 metres in height and 1 metre in width, crown thin by up to 15% and clean out one Norway Maple tree (T2), to crown thin by up to 20%, clean out and reduce canopy by up to 2 metres to one Beech tree (G4).

2007: Application to reduce long branches over highway by up to 1 metre and crown thin by 20% one Beech tree (within group G4).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.47 of 2003 to crown reduce in height by up to 2 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown thin by up to 10% two Beech trees of Group G4.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 47 of 2003 to crown lift by up to 5 metres, crown thin by up to 15%, radial reduction by up to 3.5m and height reduction by up to 3.5m to two Beech trees within Group G4

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Maple growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with 51 Longlands and close to the rear garden of 8 Longlands Glade. 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 divides into two. The straight upright west stem persists to 8 metres before dividing, with the slightly angled outward east stem persisting 12 metres. The first limbs emerge from 7 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, and crown thin up to 15%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass through 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: 14/02/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 14/02/2025