Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/09/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1105/23**
Address	**The Chalet Mill Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3DE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2.5 metres one Silver Birch tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 26/09/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Silver Birch tree located near the centre of the northeast corner of the front 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 reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of confirmed on 24/06/1991.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Silver Birch growing in the front garden close to the access drive way from the unmade road of Mill Lane. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has a gnarled single stem that persists to 3 metres, where it then begins to divide. The secondary stems are large and form a wide array that gives the tree a broadly domed crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals that are close to the adjacent cables.

The proposed works 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 tree and allow clearance to the adjacent telephone cables. The works appear to be slightly over estimated and have been changed by conditions.

The amended 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;

   i Reduction in crown height of up to 2 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 2 metres, allowing for clearance of up to 0.5 metres of adjacent cables.

   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: 29/09/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 29/9/23