Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 20/12/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1350/23**
Address	**68 Grand Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN11 5AE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres one Bay T2.**

Date of site visit: 28/11/23

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 Bay located near the centre of the northern boundary wall adjacent to one of two gateways into the property from Lansdowne Road. 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 Bay T2.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 1990 confirmed on 26/11/1990.

Planning Assessment

The tree consists of multiple stems from ground level with 5 to 6 main larger stems to the Westside of the cluster, growing in the front/side garden close to the pavement of Lansdowne Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level, with the main larger stems arching outward in a wide array. There is foliage from ground level, some of which to the South has been trimmed for access between the tree and the building. The main crown is dense and wide spread with the tree being slightly squat, with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size of the tree, reshape the crown, and allow more light and air to pass over 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: 21/12/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 21/12/23