Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/12/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1313/24**
Address	**118 Broadwater Street West Worthing West Sussex BN14 9DJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.15 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, and crown thin 10% one Lime tree T4**

Date of site visit: 30/10/24

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 Lime located near the centre of the western boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of Broadwater Road West. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, crown lift, and crown thin one Lime tree T4.

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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 15 of 2003 confirmed on 12/08/2003.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.15 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift to 5 metres one Lime tree T4.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature growing in the front garden adjacent to the entrance driveway, where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Lime tree T4 has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres, where the main stem persists in reduced form at a 45 degree angle to the northeast, and several other stems and laterals emerge. The secondary stems support the tall long poles that form the height of the crown. The first significant laterals emerge from 2 metres on the southwest. 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 3 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, and crown thin 10%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown, allow access beneath 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:09/12/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 09/12/2024