Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/02/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1639/23**
Address	**8 Longlands Glade Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NR**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.47 of 2003 to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres to the South, 2 metres to West , 1.5 metres to North and 1 metre to the East, one Atlas Cedar tree T8.**

Date of site visit: 11/01/24

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 Atlas Cedar located near the southwest of the front garden, close to the low retaining wall. 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.

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 47 of 2003 confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation No. 47 of 2003 to trim back excessive branches by approximately 1 metre and clean out to one Blue Atlas Cedar in front garden (T8).

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 47/2003 to reduce to previous pruning points, lateral prune to shape, remove 3 x smallest, lowest limbs to source, crown thin by 10%, crown clean and uplift over drive to 2 metres one Blue Atlas Cedar in front garden (T8).

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 47 of 2003 for radial reduction up to 1m; crown lift to 2m of Cedar tree T8 (shown as C1)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Atlas Cedar growing in the front garden close to the pavement of Longlands Glade. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large straight single stem that persists to within 2 metres of the top of the crown. At 1 metre the first of several large laterals emerge, some that form separate spires. The main crown is dense and wide spread with a mostly uniform shape that has some slightly over extended protruding laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres to the South, 2 metres to West, 1.5 metres to the North and 1 metre to the East. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and reshape 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: 14/02/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 14/02/2024