Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/11/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1257/23**
Address	**109 Warren Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9RA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.46 of 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread to north by up to 3 metres, and to all other aspects by to 2.5 metres crown lift up to 1 to 2 metres, one Sycamore tree.**

Date of site visit: 09/10/23

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 Sycamore tree located near the centre of the northern boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of Warren Road. The tree is part of a row of trees that are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and to crown lift.

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 46 of 1990 confirmed on 18/03/1991.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Sycamore growing at the top of the steep inclined land between the walled front garden and the main A27 / Warren Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

<u>Sycamore T16</u>
The tree has a large diameter single stem that persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The main stem has a slight lean to the north and a large lateral that emerges at 1.2 metres on the northside. The tree has foliage from near ground level and an insurgence of thick Ivy. The main crown is dense and wide spread on the lower section, with no central leader at the top of the crown, and a slight imbalance toward the south.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread to North by up to 3 metres, and to all other aspects by up to 2.5 metres, and crown lift up to 1 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access beneath 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: 10/11/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/11/23