Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0907/24**
Address	**Arundel House 4 Longlands Grove Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NS**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1999 to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres, one Sycamore tree and one Beech of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 08/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature trees located in the separated garden to the east of the access driveway to properties 4 to 5 Longlands Grove. The trees 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, one Sycamore tree and one Beech of group G1.

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

1999: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1999 confirmed on 25/05/1999.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1999 to remove selected limb on west side of Beech tree, and to fell and replace one Sycamore tree, both of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The Sycamore and Beech of group G1, are two tall large mature trees growing in the front grounds adjacent to the boundary with number 6 Longlands Glade to the East. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

<u>Sycamore T1 of group G1</u>
This tree has a single stem to 1.5 metres where it divides into two main stems which each persist to within 3 to 4 metres of the top. The first limbs emerge from 3.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Beech tree T2 of group G1

The Beech tree T2 of group G1 is located 3 to 4 metres South of T1. The tree has a large diameter single stem that is clear to 3.5 metres and persists to 10 metres where it begins to divide. The larger more significant limbs emerge from 9 metres, some with twisted growth. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 4 metres.

The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees, and allow more light and air to pass the crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 09/10/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 09/10/2024