Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/10/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1095/23**
Address	**Street Record Lamorna Grove Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 1976 to reduce radial spread to south by up to 2 metres, one Monterey Cypress tree T1 of group G7.**

Date of site visit: 26/09/23

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 Monterey Cypress located to the North of the entrance to Leyeshurst at 52 Lamorna Grove, close to the boundary wall. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to south by up to 2 metres.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 1976 confirmed on 28/09/1976.

1991: Application to reduce height of Sycamore Tree to between eight and nine metres, together with lopping of branches overhanging public footpath (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation

1993: Application to reduce height of Sycamore tree to between eight and nine metres, together with lopping of branches overhanging public footpath (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation) Refused.

1999: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 4 of 1969 to fell one Himalayan Cedar Tree (T4)

2000: Application for Consent Under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16/1976 to crown lift one Chestnut tree, one Sycamore and three Ilex trees by 30 feet (9.144 metres), 20 feet (6.096 metres) and 15 feet (4.077 metres) respectively, dead wood one Cedar tree and dead wood and reshape one Cedrus Atlantica

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 2003 confirmed on 12/08/2003.

2012: Application to crown reduce one Ash (T12) and to reduce spread to north side by 2 metres and reduce spread to southside by 3 metres on one Holm Oak (part of Group G5).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 2003 to crown lift up to 3.5 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 0.5 metres on one Holm Oak tree (T11)

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 1976 to Crown reduce up to 2 metres to clear building one Holm Oak tree T1 of group G7, crown reduce radial spread by up to 2-3 metres one Holm Oak tree T2 of group G7 and remove two lowest branches of one Macrocarpa tree T3 of group G7.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2003 to fell one Horse Chestnut Tree T7. Trim back by 2-3 metres Holm Oak of group G5.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2003 to remove large overhanging stem/limb to the south from one Holm Oak tree of group G5.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2003 to reduce radial spread to the north side by up to 2 to 3 metres Holm Oak trees of group G5.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 1976 to reduce radial spread to to south by up to 2 metres, one Monterey Cypress tree T1 of group G7.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2003 to reduce radial spread to the south by up to 2.5 metres and crown lift up to 6 metres three Holm Oak trees of group G5, and to crown lift up to 5.5 metres, Atlas Cedar T10 Holm Oak T11 and Ash T12.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Monterey Cypress growing in a border, between the entrances to Leyeshurst 52 Lamorna Grove, and the complex's garage compound that is partially concealed by the surrounding Holm Oak trees of TPO 16 of 2003. The tree is part of a group of trees that line the southern side of the entrance road that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 12 metres, with a “dog leg” to the Southwest at 8 metres, and a large upright secondary stem from 4 metres, that achieves an equal height in the crown. The first laterals emerge from 5 metres, with foliage from 8 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with a slight imbalance to the South and some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to south by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, to abate possible future nuisance, and allow more light and air to pass around 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: 05/10/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/10/23