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

Application Number	**AWDM/0902/24**
Address	**184 Heene Road Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4NX**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.43 of 2003 to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres, one Holly T4**

Date of site visit: 08/08/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature Holly tree located near the centre of the northern boundary wall. The tree is part of a group of trees that are a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

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

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 43 of 2003 confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2024: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres, Sycamore T1, Yew T3 and Conifer T4 in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The Holly tree T4 is the only TPO tree of a group of four, growing in the front garden in a narrow border between the Northern boundary wall and the driveway from Heene Road, the other trees are all smaller immatures. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single central stem that persists to 6 metres, where it then becomes a tightly forked twin stemmed to the top. The tree has foliage from 0.5 metres with the first significant limbs emerging from 2 metres. The main crown is moderately dense and intertwined with the adjacent Conservation Area Sycamore and Yew trees.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree's combined crowns, and allow clearance to the adjacent buildings.

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 Shakespeare Road Conservation 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: 09/09/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 10.09.2024