DELEGATED APPLICATIONS
ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION No. and SITE: WB/11/0164/TPO – 3 Church Road

DATE OF VISIT: 24th March 2011

NEIGHBOURS CHECKED: Y

ADDITIONAL NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATIONS: N/A

PROPOSAL, SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The application relates to a protected Blue Atlas Cedar – T2 under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1994, in the rear garden of No. 3 Church Road, Tarring, a detached house.

Consent is sought to carry out the following works to the tree:

(i) Reduce radial spread by 1.5 - 2 metres;
(ii) Reduce height by 1.5 - 2 metres;
(iii) Crown lift to 4 metres; and
(iv) Crown clean

The reasons for the works are that the tree has suffered some storm damage, and the damaged branches need to be removed.

The site is situated on the west side of Church Road a short distance to the north of Parkfield Road.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1994 confirmed on 6th September 1994

RELEVANT SAVED PLANNING POLICIES & NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

British Standard BS 3998 (2010) Recommendations for Tree Works

REPRESENTATIONS

The Borough Arboriculturist supports the application as made.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 8 of the First Protocol (Protection or Property) of the Human Rights Act 1998 is relevant to this application. It is accepted that this proposal, if approved, would have some impact on the neighbouring properties. However, it is considered that the level of development proposed would not cause undue harm in terms of additional noise, disturbance and loss of privacy and that, on balance, existing residential quality of life would not be adversely affected as a result of the proposal. Accordingly, it is considered that it is acceptable with regard to Article 8 and Article 1.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

This tree sustained storm damage last autumn, when a branch on its northern side broke off.

The proposed works would reduce the height and spread of the tree by an average 1.5 to 2 metres, raise the crown to 4 metres above ground level, and clean out the crown by the removal of dead wood. The works would re-shape the tree following its natural form and branch structure, whilst reducing its vulnerability to branch loss in high winds. These works therefore would preserve the tree's amenity value.

Subject to the works being restricted to those specified in this application only, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, and carried out to British Standard BS 3998 (2010) "Recommendations for Tree Works", the application is considered to be acceptable.

Conditional consent is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

Grant consent, subject to:

1. Restrict works to those specified, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA
2. Time limit for completion of works – 1 year

REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

IS THE RECOMMENDATION CONTRARY TO LETTERS OF REPRESENTATION: Y/N

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Case Officer sign.....Date: 27th April 2011.....

Authorising Officer sign.....Date.....28·4·11.....