DELEGATED APPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT SHEET

Application No: 11/0209/TPO	Recommendation – Approve Application
Site	63 St Lawrence Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 7JL
Proposal:	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 50 of 1995 to thin by 20% and reduce longest branches by 1m average to one Purple-leaved Plum (T5) in front garden, and to thin by 10%, remove dead wood and reduce longest branches by 0.5m average to one Magnolia (T4) and to thin by 10% and dead wood one Horse Chestnut (Part of Group G2) in rear garden

Date of Site Visit:14th April 2011

Neighbours Checked: Y

Additional Neighbours Notified (List Addresses): N

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS & DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

63 St. Lawrence Avenue forms the western half of a pair of semi-detached houses. It lies on the south side of St. Lawrence Avenue just to the west of the junction of St. Thomas's Road with St. Lawrence Avenue. Within the front and rear gardens of the property are four trees, a Purple-leaved Plum, a Magnolia, a Horse Chestnut and an Ash which are protected under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 50 of 1995.

The application seeks consent to carry out the following works:

T5 - Purple-leaved Plum, front garden: Thin by 20% and reduce longest branches by 1m.

T4 - Magnolia, rear garden: Thin by 10%, remove dead wood and reduce longest branches by 0.5 metre average.

G2 (Part) - Horse Chestnut, rear garden: Remove dead wood and thin crown by 10%.

The reasons for the works are in the interests of the health and amenity value of the trees.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

The Borough Arboriculurist supports the application as made.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 8 (Right to Respect of a Private and Family Life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (Protection of Property) of the Human Rights Act 1998 are relevant to this application. It is accepted that the proposal, if approved, would have some impact on the applicant's Rights. However, it is not considered that the harm caused outweighs these or that in the public interest the application should be refused. Accordingly it is considered that this decision complies with the Human Rights Act 1998, with regard to Article 8 and Article 1

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The proposed remedial pruning would be minor in extent in relation to the natural form of these trees.

The works would re-shape, and improve, the balance and appearance as well as the health and form of the trees, which would enhance the visual amenities of the area.

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

Conditional consent should accordingly be granted.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, subject to the condition(s):

1. Restrict tree works to those specified.

Reasons for Recommendation: Not Applicable

Is recommendation contrary to letter (s) of representation?

No Yes NA

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Case Officer
Sign.....[redacted].....Date....20th May 2011.....

Authorising Officer
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