Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 31/08/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0761/23**
Address	**Caer Gwent Care Home Downview Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4TA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2006 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres two Deodar trees of group G1.**

Date of site visit: n/a

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 Deodar trees located near the centre of the northwest of the grounds between the garage compound of Wentworth Court and Belsize Close. 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 radial spread to north two Deodar trees.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from a nearby neighbour commenting on other trees within the grounds of Caer Gwent.

Relevant Planning History

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 2006 confirmed on 12/10/2006.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2006 to crown thin by 30% and reduce Red Horse Chestnut (T6), deadwood two Maidenhair Trees (T7 and part of Group G2), light crown lift and deadwood one Norway Maple (T4) and remove lower branches, west side, and dead wood Deodar, north west corner and reduce towards building, eastern side of Horse Chestnut, T5.

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 27 of 1994 to fell one Bay tree (within Group G5) and lightly reshape to maintain form one Holly (T10).

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 2006 to fell one Horse Chestnut (T6) on south side of driveway to Downview Road, and replace with one Prunus sargentii

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Deodars in a cohesive group, growing in the rear grounds of Caer Gwent, adjacent to the utility and delivery area to the north of the complex, close to the boundaries with Wentworth Court and Belsize Close. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The trees both have single stems that mostly persist to 5 to 6 metres, where the crowns emerge. The combined main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended lateral, particularly to the north, across the rear grounds of 1 to 10 The Old Coach House in Belsize Close.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, to the north. The works are to contain the spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass their combined 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: 31/08/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 31/8/23