Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 03/07/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0632/23**
Address	**1 Chatsmore Crescent Worthing West Sussex BN12 5AA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.42 of 2002 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres one Purple Maple tree T12.**

Date of site visit: 17/05/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Norway Maple tree in the southern end of the grounds of Chatsmore Crescent. The tree is part of an established group of trees, which are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

2002: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 42 of 2002 confirmed on 17/12/2002.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 42/2002 to carry out selective remedial pruning works to 4 Flowering Crab (T3, T9, T18, G1), 3 Pine (T15), 1 Horse Chestnut (G1), 1 Purple Leaved Plum (T16), 1 False Acacia (G1), 1 Hawthorn (T2) and 1 Cedar (T8). **Split Decision-Approved with Conditions** **Split Decision - REFUSED** Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 42/2002 to carry out selective remedial pruning/reduction works to 4 Flowering Crab trees (T3, T9, T18, G1), 3 Pine trees (G1, T14, T15), 1 Horse Chestnut tree (G1), 1 Purple Maple tree (T16), 1 False Acacia tree (G1), 1 Hawthorn tree (T2) and 1 Cedar tree (T8).

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 42 of 2002 to carry out selected remedial pruning works and dead wooding to various Cherry, Corsican Pine, False Acacia, Flowering Crab, Hawthorn, Horse Chestnut, Scots Pine, Silver Birch and Weeping Silver Birch (T1 to T6; T10; T11; T14 to T19 and Group G1). **Split Decision - Approved with Conditions** **Split Decision - REFUSED - Appeal Withdrawn** Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 42 of 2002 to fell one Purple Norway Maple (T12).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 42 of 2002 to fell 1 Crab Apple (T10) and 1 silver Birch (T17); to crown reduce by 1m and lateral prune by 1.5m all

round on one Purple Norway Maple (T12) and to carry out selective reductions in spread and crown lifting to 2 Cherry Plum (T11 and T16) and to 1 Flowering Cherry (T4), 1 Crab Apple (T8), 1 Hawthorn (T6), 1 False Acacia and 1 Weeping Birch.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.42 of 2002 to carry out remedial works to damaged limb on one Cockspur Thorn tree T6.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.42 of 2002 to reduce crown height and radial spread by 1 metre on one Cockspur Thorn Tree T6, to reduce back to source southwest limb of one Corsican Pine tree T15, and to fell and replace one Crab Apple T9.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.42 of 2002 to remove selected limb/crown lift one Flowering Crab T3; remove selected limb and crown thin up to 20% one Norway Maple T12; remove basal growth of one Cockspur T6; remove deadwood from one Corsican Pine T14; and to fell and replace one Fastigiate Cherry T5 and one Purple Leaved Plum T11.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.42 of 2002 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre one Broad-leaved Cockspur thorn T6 and remove deadwood one Robinia of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature Maple growing in a grassed area at the southern end of the site, between the blocks of 15 to 28 Chatsmore Crescent. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Norway Maple tree T12 has a single stem to 2 metres where a co-dominant stem emerges on the southern side. The main stems continue to around 4 metres, where both then break into multiple stems, which have been reduced at 8-9 metres. The crown is dense, broadly domed with a wide spreading habit on the lower sections.

The proposed works are to reduce to previous points, being a reduction in crown height and radial spread of up to 2 to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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: 03/07/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 03/07/2023