Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 30/01/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1386/24**
Address	**Little Glen 1b Longlands Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NS**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.45 of 2003 to re-pollard / reduce height and spread up to 2 metres one Maple tree T1 and to reduce crown height crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Turkey Oak T2 both of group G11.**

Date of site visit: 29/01/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two medium to large sized mature trees: a multi-stemmed Norway Maple and a single stemmed Turkey Oak growing near the centre of the open plan front garden. 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 re-pollard / reduce height and spread Maple tree T1 of group G11 and to reduce crown height crown height and radial spread Turkey Oak T2 of group G11.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 45 of 2003 confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 45/2003 to fell one multi-stemmed Norway maple (G11). Refused

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.45/2003 to fell one Norway Maple within the centre of Group G11 (Re-submission of application WB/05/0238/TPO). Refused

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 45/2003 to crown lift to 4 metres (whilst retaining the 4 largest scaffold limbs) one Norway Maple tree (G11).

2018: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 45 of 2003 to reduce in height by 3m and a lateral canopy reduction of 3m to Maple within group G11.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two medium to large matures growing in the front garden of the property, away from main building, access path and driveway. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Maple tree T1 of group G11
This tree has several slender stems that emerge from a common source above ground level. The stems form a tightly forked array that mostly persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top with some overarching outer stems. Each main stem supports many smaller secondary limbs from 1.8 metres that are somewhat over extended, creating a main crown that is moderately dense and widespread.

The proposed works are to re-pollard / reduce height and spread up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

Turkey Oak T2 of group G11
The Turkey Oak T2 has a single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into two main stems that are upright parallel and persist to within 3 to 4 metres of the top, and several smaller stems and laterals. The main crown is dense and wide spread with most of the branches to the South and Southwest.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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: 30/01/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 30/01/2025