Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/10/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/1186/23**
Address	**133 Broadwater Street East Worthing West Sussex BN14 9AP**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to re-pollard at approximately 6.5 metres one Eucalyptus tree T1 in the Broadwater Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 21/09/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large early mature Eucalyptus tree located near the centre of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the area but makes only a limited contribution to the street scene and visual amenities of the Broadwater Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard to previous points one Eucalyptus tree T1.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to the Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1975: The property is included within Conservation Area II (Broadwater), designated by the Council on 6th March 1975.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Eucalyptus growing in the rear garden close to the middle of the Eastern boundary wall. The tree is prominent to the area, although it has limited public views.

The tree has a single stem to 5 metres, where it begins to divide with several secondary stems that each divide again from 6 metres and a smaller diameter central stem that persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The tree appears to have been pollarded or heavily reduced at 6 to 7 metres. There is foliage from ground level with the first significant laterals emerging from 5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some many over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to re-pollard at previous points, which would be approximately 6.5 metres above ground level. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass over and around the crown.

These works in my opinion would be large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree but would not adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Broadwater Conservation Area.

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Recommendation

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 10/10/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 10/10/23