Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 11/12/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1221/24**
Address	**115 Hayling Rise Worthing West Sussex BN13 3AQ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Purple Plum T7 and one Copper Beech tree T5. Reduce two selected limbs: one near top and one low to north of Larch T4.**

Date of site visit: 29/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to one Beech tree in the West, and one Purple Leaved Plum to the north and a Larch in the Northwest corner of the front/side garden of 115 Hayling Rise. The trees are part of a group of trees which are prominent in 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 one Purple Plum T7 and one Copper Beech tree T5, and to reduce two selected limbs: one near top and one low to north of Larch T4

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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 1991 confirmed on 23/05/1991.

1999: Application to crown lift to 2.5 metres one Larch tree and one Purple Leafed Plum and to crown lift to 2.5 metres, clean out crown and crown reduce one Purple Beech

2000: Application to carry out light formative pruning (to remove leaders) to Purple Beech (T5) - ** split decision**.

2005: Application to carry out minor crown reduction and clean out to one Larch (T4) and one Plum tree (T7) and in addition to this, to carry out minor crown lift to one Purple Beech tree (T5)

2011: Application to raise crown of one Larch (T4) over the road to 4.6 metres or shorten back to the pavement, crown reduce by 15% one copper beech (T5), and crown reduce by 15% one Purple-leaved plum (T7)

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 1991 to crown lift to 2.5 metres from ground level 1 Cypress tree (T6) to south of Beech tree (T5)2013:Application

to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and reduce height by up to 3.5 metres one Beech tree (T5) and to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre and reduce height by up to 2.5 metres on Purple Leaf Plum (T7).

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1991 to reduce the radial spread of one Larch tree T4.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1921 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 1 to 1.5 metres on one Beech tree T5 and one Purple Leaved Plum T7.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1991 to fell and replace one tree Cypress tree T6

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 1991 to remove deadwood on north side and rebalance crown by removing 1-2m of radial spread and height of Red Leaf Plum T7.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Purple Plum T7 and one Copper Beech tree T5.

Planning Assessment

The trees are medium sized matures growing in the front and side garden adjacent to the junction of Hayling Rise and Salvington Hill. The two trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Beech tree T5
The Purpled leaved Beech tree T5 is growing along the west side of the front garden adjacent to Salvington Hill. The tree is single stemmed to 2.25 metres where it then divides into 3 to 4 large diameter main stems. Each stem divides again at 3.5 metres to form the rounded dense crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Purple Leaved Plum tree T7
The Purple leaf Plum T7 has a similar size and shape as the Beech T5, and is growing along the north boundary of the front garden adjacent to the footpath of Hayling Rise. The tree has a large single stem to 2 metres where it then divides into 4 to 5 main large diameter stems. Each stem divides again at 4 metres to form a dense round crown. The tree has lost its leaves early and may have died, however it has been agreed to wait until next spring to see if the tree recovers.

The proposed works are to reduce the crown heights and radial spread of both trees by up to 1 to 1.5 metres, so as to continue their management regime, and to contain their size and spread.

Larch T4
This tree is the tallest of the three and growing in the Northwest of the front garden, close to the junction of Hayling Rise and Salvington Hill. The tree has a single stem to 6 metres, where it then divides into two. The first laterals emerge from 4 metres some of which are slightly over extended. The main crown is slightly sparse with several protruding laterals that give the crown an uneven appearance.

The proposed works are to reduce two selected limbs: one near top and one low to north. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and re-shape its crown.

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:11/12/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.12.2024