Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/02/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1575/23**
Address	**1 Church Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1ET**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1994 to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre and reduce radial spread by up to 0.5 metre, one Holly tree T1 of group G3.**

Date of site visit: 20/12/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Holly located in the Northeast corner of the front garden Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes 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: One representation in support, with no other details given.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 18 of 1993 not confirmed.

1993: Application to lop to boundary one Hazel Tree (T3) (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order 18/93) Refused,

1994: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1994 confirmed on 06/09/1994.

1994: Application to crown reduce Hazel Tree (T3) by approximately one metre on its Western side by the cutting back of branch stubs and the regrowth of small branches radiating towards the roof and walls of 1 Church Road

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Holly growing in the front garden adjacent to the pavement of Church Road, The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.2 metres where it then divides into a group of seven tightly forked uprights with some partially fused. Of the secondary stems there are five main larger diameter stems and two more slender smaller stems, with all dividing at 6 to 7 metres into clusters of smaller stems

that mostly persist to the top. The first laterals emerge from 2.25 metres. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre and reduce radial spread by up to 0.5 metre. The work is to maintain 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 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: 09/02/2024

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 9 February 2024