Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/01/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1377/23**
Address	**Oakdene Durrington Hill Worthing West Sussex BN13 2PX**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.5 of 1998 to reduce radial spread to south to allow clearance of up to 1 metre to property one Monterey Pine tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 23/11/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Monterey Pine located near the centre of the northern part of the front garden between the boundary wall, and entrance driveway. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to the south to allow clearance to property.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 5 of 1998 confirmed on 02/06/1998.

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 05/1998 to crown lift to 4 metres and removal of lower branches, minor crown reduction, pruning of roots up to 5 cms diameter towards and under driveway and border, to one Pine tree (T2)

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.5 of 1998 to remove one offshoot trunk and one branch from main trunk of one Monterey Pine (T2), due to safety and branches covering street lamp and chimney pots. Refused.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 5 of 1998 to reduce five branches to south over the building by 1 metre one Monterey Pine T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large tall mature Monterey Pine growing in the front garden, where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has two stems from ground level, a large diameter upright stem to the west that has laterals that emerge from 3 metres, some overhanging the road and close to the adjacent Street Lamp. The eastern stem is more slender and angles outward to the southeast, with the first laterals emerging from 6 metres and most of its foliage being on the east. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to south to allow clearance of up to 1 metre to the main building.

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: 04/01/2024

Authorised by: PB Date: 4/1/24