Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/01/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1349/23**
Address	**Abracadabra Nursery 5 Tennyson Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4BY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.21 of 1997 to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, allow clearance to adjacent properties of up to 2 metres and to clear cables by up to 1.5 metres one Purple Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/11/23

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 Purple Beech tree located near the centre of the Southern boundary of the front garden. 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 crown height and to reduce radial spread to allow clearance to adjacent properties and to clear cables.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 21 of 1997 confirmed on 27/05/1997.

2018: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 21 of 1997 to reduce crown by 1.5m and 2m on lower eastern canopy, crown lift to 8m Copper beech (T1); crown reduction by 1.5m, crown lift to 5m Horse Chestnut (T2).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large tall mature Beech growing in the front grounds of the children's nursery, which is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree is growing to the Southeast of the front of the main building, close to the boundary wall and adjacent to the driveway and parking area of 5 Tennyson Road. The tree has a single stem to 6

metres, where it then becomes twin, with a large diameter side stem on the west side that extends to an equal height with the two central stems. The first laterals emerge from 2.5 metres on the West and 4.25 on the Southeast. The main crown is dense and wide spread, with some slightly over extended lower laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, to allow clearance to adjacent properties of up to 2 metres and to clear cables by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and to abate possible future nuisance.

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: 05/01/2024

Authorised by: PB Date: 5/1/24