**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 26/01/24**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/1531/23** |
| **Address** | **Longmeads Durrington Hill Worthing West Sussex BN13 2PZ** |
| **Proposal** | **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1998 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres, crown thin 10% and remove deadwood one Atlantic Blue Cedar tree T6.** |

**Date of site visit:** 06/12/23

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a large mature Atlas Cedar in the centre of the rear garden. The tree is partially visible from surrounding roads and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, crown lift, crown thin and remove deadwood.

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**

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 1998 confirmed on 09/07/1998.

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 12 of 1998 for minor crown lifting and pruning to one Flowering Cherry (T5);crown lift to 5 metres by removal of lower branches up to a height of 5 metres above ground level to the bole, remove dead wood to Atlas Blue Cedar (T6); minor crown lifting and pruning to Pere David's Maple (T7)

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1998 to remove two longest branches; 1 north, 1 west; remove crossing limbs (east) and to reduce radial spread on south side to blend on one Atlas Cedar tree T6.

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a large mature Atlas Blue Cedar growing in the rear garden. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be partially seen from both Durrington Hill and Bodmin Road.

The tree has a single stem to 4 metres where it then divides into several smaller stems, and several large laterals emerge. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some wider spread slightly over extended laterals

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres, crown thin 10% and remove deadwood. The works are to contain the spread of the tree access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

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: 26/01/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 29.01.2024