Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 29/01/24**

Application Number	**AWDM/1587/23**
Address	**36 Smugglers Walk Worthing West Sussex BN12 4DP**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 2011 to remove one selected limb of one Golden Macrocarpa tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 22/12/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single large mature Golden Macrocarpa, that is part of a group that forms a tall hedge along the boundary wall of the property. The trees are a bright yellow – green form of the Monterey Cypress, which provide a striking block of foliage that 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 remove one selected limb of one Golden Macrocarpa tree T4.

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

2011: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 4 of 2011 confirmed on 17/08/2011.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 2011 to crown lift up to 3.5 metres on five Golden Macrocarpa trees T2 – T6

Planning Assessment

The tree is one of five Golden Macrocarpas that form a tall hedge along the boundary wall of 36 Smugglers Walk, adjacent to the junction of Alinora Crescent, and are visible from both roads. The tree is part of a group that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1 metre where it then divides into two, with two secondary stems that emerge from 1 and 1.5 metres to the South and arch outward. The two main stems each mostly persist to the top, and have limbs from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with a slight imbalance to the South and some areas of deadwood.

The proposed works are to remove one selected secondary stem on the Southern side, that is in contact with the boundary wall. The works are slightly heavy, but acceptable as the shape and form of the tree will not be overly changed.

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: 29/01/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 29.01.2024