Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0023/25**
Address	**12 First Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.35 of 2003 to crown lift up to 3 to 3.5 metres one Variegated Lawson Cypress T6.**

Date of site visit: 29/01/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature Cypress located near the centre of the Western boundary wall in the front garden adjacent to the pavement of First Avenue. 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 crown lift.

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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 35 of 2003 confirmed on 26/11/2003.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Lawson Cypress growing in the front garden adjacent to the vehicular entrance from First Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.5 metres where it divides into several stems with one larger main central upright stem that persists to within2 to 3 metres of the top. The first limbs and foliage emerge from 2.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 3 to 3.5 metres. The works are to allow clearance to the adjacent pavement and allow more light to filter though the crown from the WSCC street light that is partially within 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: 14/03/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 14/03/2025