Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/09/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0989/23**
Address	**62 Manor Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4SL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.10 of 1975 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres one Copper Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 19/07/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Copper Beech tree located near the Northwest corner of the front garden, close to the boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of Manor Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

1975: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 10 of 1975 confirmed on 16/09/1975.

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VI (Heene), designated by the Council on 31st January 1985.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 10 of 1975 to crown lift to 4 metres and crown thin by 15% one Copper Beech (T1)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the front garden close to the junction of Manor Road, and Beccles Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into two upright stems that are partially fused, and become fully separated from 6 metres. At 6 metres the two secondary stems each divide into several stems and laterals that combine to form a wide array. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres, to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around the crown. The works appear to be slightly over estimated and have been changed by conditions.

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 Heene Conservation Area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

    i Reduction in crown height of up to 2 metres

    ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 2 to 3 metres, 3 metres on the widest most protruding limbs

    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: 06/09/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/9/23