Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/04/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0272/24**
Address	**18 Church Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1EU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 2008 to reduce crown height 2 to 3 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres, one Tulip tree T2 and to fell and replace one Purple-leaved Plum tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 15/04/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two mature trees in the rear garden of 18 Church Road Tarring. The trees are a part of a number of trees, which are publicly visible and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the West Tarring Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread one Tulip tree T2 and to fell and replace one Purple-leaved Plum tree T3

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation received from a nearby neighbour in support of the works.

Relevant Planning History

2008: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 7 of 2008 confirmed on 05/08/08.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 2008 to reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres on one Tulip tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a largeTulip tree on the Northern boundary between 18 and 20 ChurchRoad and a smaller Purple-leaved Plum near the centre of the Eastern boundary wall close to the Public Open space of Church House Gardens. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Tulip Tree T2</u>
This tree is single stemmed to 3 metres where the formative crown breaks, dividing into 3 to 4 main upright stems and several smaller more slender stems. The stems mostly divide again from 4 to 5 metres. The perimeter of the crown is heavily laden with small lower hanging secondary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height 2 to 3 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the crown.

Purple Leaved Plum T3
The Purple-leaved Plum T3 is twin stemmed from ground level, the stems being tightly forked from ground level becoming fused from 1 metre and separating again from 2 metres. From 2 to 2.5 metres the stems divide into several long slender poles that form a wide array. The main crown is dense with branches and wide spread, but has no foliage or bubs, having died possibly last season.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree.

The works to the Tulip tree T2, 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.

The works to remove the Purple-leaved Plum T3 will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed work to the Tulip tree T2, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to;

   i Reduction in crown height of up to 2 to 3 metres.

   ii Reduction in radial spread of up to 1.5 to 2 metres.

   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.*

3. Proposed felling of the Purple Leaved Plum tree T3 and and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

4. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 07/05/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 08.05.2024