Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/01/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1344/24**
Address	**1 Vicarage Fields Worthing West Sussex BN13 3SF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.20 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and removed dead and diseased branches False Acacia tree T6.**

Date of site visit: 16/01/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature False Acacia tree located near the centre of the southern end of the side garden of 1 Vicarage Fields. 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 reduce radial spread and remove dead and diseased branches one False Acacia tree T6.

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

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 20 of 2001 confirmed on 12/06/2001.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature false acacia growing in the side garden adjacent to a side close off of Vicarage Fields. 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 then divides into two large secondary stems that each divide again from 2 to 3.75 metres, and several more times to the top. The outer stems overarch into the road and across the lawn area of the garden. The main crown is dense and widespread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres and remove dead and diseased branches. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and as general maintenance.

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:23/01/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 23.01.2025