Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0817/24**
Address	**Wellington Court Grand Avenue Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.25 of 2002 to fell and replace one Monterey Cypress tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 08/07/24

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 Monterey Cypress tree located near the Northwest corner of the front grounds. The tree is of a group of trees that are a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1976: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 15 of 1976 confirmed on 19/10/1976.

2002: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 25 of 2002 confirmed on 24//2002.

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 25 of 2002 to crown lift all trees on northern boundary (T1, T2, T3, T4 and trees within Group G1) by approximately 5 metres on the road side and reduce by two metres higher road side branches, to suitable growth points.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 25 of 2002 to reduce canopy by up to 15% and crown clean on Lime tree (T1) in north-western corner of grounds.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Monterey Cypress growing in a raised border on the Northern boundary adjacent to the pavement of main route way of the A259 Mill Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres that persists to the top, with the first limbs emerging from 0.5 metres. The Foliage of the tree is dense at the base, becoming thinner from 8 metres. The upper

crown has some stag heads and defoliated limbs. The main crown is dense at the base, becoming progressively thinner to very sparse at the top.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to poor health and the presence of Ganoderma brackets.

These works in my opinion 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 felling of the Monterey Cypress tree T1 of group G1, identified on the applicants plan as T1, 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.*

3. 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: 23/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 27.08.2024