Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/10/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0953/23**
Address	**4 Samphire Drive Worthing West Sussex BN13 3RW**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1995 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, and remove deadwood one Monterey Pine tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 21/09/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Monterey Pine located to the Eastern end of the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary fence. 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 deadwood.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation from a nearby neighbour making comments not relevant to the proposed works.

Relevant Planning History

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 1995 confirmed on 18/05/1995.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order no. 9/1995 to crown reduce one Pine over boundary, reshape and tidy out

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9/1995 to remove dead, dying and dangerous branches and reduce overall size of crowns by approximately 20% to 6 Pines trees (T1,T3,T6,T7,T8 and T9) Refused.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9/1995 to crown lift to 3 metres, clean out crowns and crown reduce by 0.5 metres 1 Monterey Pine (T1) and 5 Corsican Pine (T3, T6, T7, T8 and T9)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Monterey Cypress growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with properties in Aspley Way. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 8 metres, where it divides in to two main scaffold stems that support several uprights and laterals that form the slightly flat top to the crown. The tree has several large clusters of foliage and spires that are separate from the main crown. The first of the widespread laterals emerge from 0.5 metres, foliage from 2 to 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, and remove deadwood. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow clearance to the adjacent garden building, allow more light and air to pass around the crown and for safety.

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: 06/10/2023

Authorised by: PB Date: 6/10/23