Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 08/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0955/24**
Address	**3 Church Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1ET**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1994 to remove lowest branches on Southeast side back to source one Atlantic Blue Cedar T2.**

Date of site visit: 24/09/24

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 Atlas Blue Cedar located near the centre of the northern boundary of the rear garden. 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 remove lowest limbs on the Southeast secondary stem back to source.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1994: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1994 confirmed on 06/09/1994.

1995: Application to remove side branches and dead wood from one Hazel tree (T1) overhanging No.5 Church Road (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1/1994)

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order 1 of 1994 to reduce the radial spread by 1.5 metres to 2 metres, to reduce height by 1.5 metres to 2 metres, to crown lift to 4 metres and to crown clean one Blue Atlas Cedar (T2) in rear garden.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1994 to reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and remove lowest limb to East one Walnut tree T4.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized mature Atlas Blue Cedar growing in the rear garden close to the North boundary. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Atlas tree T2 has a straight single stem to 8 metres, where it then divides into two main upright stems and several smaller stems and laterals. The first limbs emerge from 2 metres and are ascending supporting low hanging tertiary branches. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to remove the lower hanging branches to the East and Southeast that are across the adjacent footpath and lawn area. The works are to allow access beneath the crown.

These works in my opinion would be 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: 08/10/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 08.10.2024