Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/09/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1101/24**
Address	**29 Offington Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9PH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.43 of 1997 to fell and replace one Purple-leaved Plum tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 04/09/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Purple-leaved Plum tree located near the centre of the Western boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Purple-leaved Plum tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 43 of 1997 confirmed on 02/10/1997.

2002: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 43 of 1997 to crown lift to 2.5 metres, clean out the crown and remove dead wood on one Wild Cherry (T1); clean out crown on one Red Horse Chestnut (T2); and remove smallest branches on arching limb over garden and remove dead wood on one Purple leaved Plum (T4).

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.43 of 1997 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Red Horse Chestnut T2 and to reduce crown height by up to 5 metres on Irish Yew T3.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Plum growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary fence with 31 Offington Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.2 metres, where it then divides into several mostly upright stems, that each divide several times to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with no foliage and no buds or any other signs of regenerating.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, which died relatively quickly this season.

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 Purple-leaved Plum tree T4 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: 23/09/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 26/09/2024