Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0971/24**
Address	**13 Longlands Spinney Worthing West Sussex Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and crown lift up to 2.5 metres one Purple-leaved Plum tree T1 of group G11.**

Date of site visit: 14/12/22

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Purple Leaved Plum in the front open plan garden, to the southwest of the driveway. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2003 confirmed on 22/01/2004.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to reduce height by 1.5m and crown reduce on north, east and south sides by up to 1.5m on one Purple-Leaved Plum tree within Group G11.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to reduce height by 1.5m to 2 groups of 3 Yew trees part of Group G12.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to reduce length of low limb to South by up to 7 metres (approx. 50% of branch length) of one Ash tree T1 of group G13

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to fell and replace one Purple Leaved Plum tree T1 of group G11 REFUSED.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to fell and replace one Ash tree of group G13.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Purple Leaved Plum growing in a lawn area in the front garden. The tree is part of group G11 of Worthing Tree Preservation Order number 37 of 2003. This group consists of 14 trees, with the Plum adding some colour to the group.

The tree has a slender single stem to 1.2 metres where it then divides into two. The stems are both clear up to 2 metres with the main crown breaking at between 2 to 2.5 metres. The crown is dense and wide spread in places for the overall size of the tree.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and crown lift up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access beneath the crown.

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: 07/10/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 07/10/2024