Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/06/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0548/25**
Address	**89 Offington Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 9RJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.36 of 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Cherry tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/25

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 Cherry located near the centre of the northern boundary, close to the pavement of The Plantation. 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 crown height and radial spread one Cherry tree T2.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 36 of 1990 confirmed on 04/02/1991.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 36 of 1990 to crown lift to 2.5 metres and crown thin by 10-15% one Pink Flowering Cherry (T2), and to deadwood and remove epicormic growth on White Flowering Cherry (T1) and Pink Flowering Cherry (T2).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 36 of 1990 to fell Cherry tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized mature Cherry growing in the front garden adjacent to the boundary with The Plantation. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1 metre where it divides into several stems that arch outward and persist to 6 to 7 metres before dividing again. The centre of the crown is open, becoming denser with shoots from 5 metres, and some deadwood present. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, and an imbalance in height and spread to the North and Northeast.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and reshape 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: 12/06/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.06.2025