

Application Number **AWDM/1601/25**

Address **38 Shelley Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4BX**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.26 of 1994 to reduce crown height by up to 4 metres, and reduce radial spread to North by up to 3 metres Holly tree T4.**

Date of site visit: 09/02/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a tall mature Holly tree located near the centre of the Eastern boundary wall of the front garden. The tree is a part of a linear group of trees that are prominent to the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread to North of Holly tree T4.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1994: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 26 of 1994 confirmed on 29/11/1994.

1998: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.26/1994 to undertake tree surgery to 1 Black Poplar and 1 Common Ash

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 26 of 1994 to reduce radial spread by up to 1-1.5 metres on one Yew tree T1.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 26 of 1994 to reduce height by approximately 5m, reduce back lateral branches all round by approximately 3-3.5m one Black Poplar tree (T2), reduce height by approximately 2.5m, prune back lateral branches to house and road side by approximately 3m to one Ash tree (T3) as noted on TPO plan.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Holly growing in the front grounds adjacent to Tennyson Road. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a main central single stem to 10 metres, that is surrounded by several smaller mostly upright stems that emerge from 0.5 metres. The main stem is gnarled and terminates at 10 metres

due to damage or lopping, where a long, smaller diameter meandering stem emerges, that persists to the top. The first laterals emerge from 1 metre. The main crown is open and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, mostly to the north, with the tree not having a distinct form or shape.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 4 metres and reduce radial spread to North by up to 3 metres Holly tree T4. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree reshape and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, but will not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, as over time its amenity value and contribution to the character of the area will be improved.

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: 03/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 03.03.2026