

Application Number **AWDM/1405/25**

Address **1A Warren Gardens Worthing West Sussex BN14 9PL**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.59 of 1997 to crown lift up to 4 metres, one Blue Atlas Cedar T2 and one Tulip Tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 07/02/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Tulip tree adjacent to the southeast corner of the main building, and a slightly smaller Atlas Cedar, near the southwest boundary of the rear garden. The trees are both prominent parts of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift one Blue Atlas Cedar T2 and one Tulip Tree T3.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 59 of 1997 confirmed on 05/12/1997.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 59 of 1997 to fell one Silver Birch (T1) in front garden and replant with another Silver Birch, and to lateral prune by 1.5 to 2 metres, remove deadwood and crown thin by 10% one Blue Atlas Cedar (T2) and crown lift to 2.5 metres over footpath and remove dead wood on one Tulip Tree (T3) in rear garden.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 59 of 1997 to crown thin by 20%, remove deadwood, rubbing/diseased branches and single piece of storm damage and crown lift by 2.5m one Atlantic Blue Cedar (T1) and remove to source 5-6 subordinate branches and sever and remove exposed roots of one Tulip tree (T3).

Planning Assessment

The trees are both large matures, the Tulip tree located in the front garden, being the largest and closest to the road and building with the Blue Atlas Cedar growing in the rear/side garden. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

Blue Atlas Cedar T2

This tree has a single stem that is clear to 3 metres and persists to the top where it arches over forming a wide flat profile to the top of the crown. The first significant laterals emerge from 3 metres, some supporting lower hanging tertiary branches. The main crown is denser to the perimeter and wide spread.

Tulip Tree T3

The tree has a large diameter slightly gnarled single stem that reduces in size at 5 metres, and mostly persists to the top, with a large secondary that achieves an equal height in the crown from 4 metres. The first significant sized limbs emerge from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some disrupted, angled growth to the main limbs and some slightly over extended laterals supporting lower hanging branches.

The proposed works for both trees are to crown lift up to 4 metres. The works are to allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the area Conservation 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: 02/03/2026

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 02/03/2026