Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/07/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0578/25**
Address	**2 Hastings Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 5DH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 2005 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres and crown thin 15% one Sycamore tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 20/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Sycamore tree located near the Southeast corner of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, crown lift and crown thin the tree.

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

2009: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 3 of 2005 confirmed on 23/05/2005.

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 2005 to remove dead wood and crossing branches, thin canopy by 10% (minor branches only) and reduce excessive branches by up to 1 metre on one Tulip Tree (T1), and to raise canopy to 2.5 metres over the pavement and to 5 metres over the carriageway on one Sycamore (T2).

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 2005 to crown lift up to 4m, reduce radial spread by up to 2m one Sycamore T2, to reduce radial spread by up to 2m and remove deadwood one Monterey Cypress of G1, and to remove dead wood on one Tulip tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Sycamore growing in the original front garden of the property that fronts onto Hastings Road, close to the junction with Hythe Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Sycamore treeT2 has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres, where it divides into 3 to 4 main upright stems that each divide several times to the top. The main stems are tightly forked and support

the wider spread secondary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres and crown thin 15%. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through 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: 15/07/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.07.2025