Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 18/12/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1037/25**
Address	**54 Longlands Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.46 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres Beech trees T1 to T7 of group G6.**

Date of site visit: 27/11/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to seven large mature Beech trees to the northern end of the rear garden. The trees are a prominent feature of the area, as a backdrop from Longlands, and being visible from the adjacent Golf Course to the north of the property.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread of seven Beech trees (T1 to T7) of group G6.

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

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 46 of 2003 confirmed on 29/01/2004.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 46 of 2003 to reduce height by approximately 4m and remove one large limb of one Ilex Oak overhanging No.52 to the east and crown lift one Beech to approximately 5m and reduce height and vertical spread by approximately 3m both within group G6.

Planning Assessment

The trees are tall mature Beech that are part of the 14 trees of group G6. The group is one of three groups of large mature trees that extend along the northern boundary of properties in Longlands, adjacent to Hill Barn Golf Course. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Beech T1 of group G6
This tree is located near the Northwest corner of the rear garden. The tree has a large diameter single stem that is mostly clear to where it divides into two at 9 metres. At 9.5 to 10 metres the secondary stems divide again. The main crown is dense and wide spread especially to the North.

Beech T2 of group G6
The Beech tree T2 is located 1.5 metres to the Southeast of T1. The tree has a straight large diameter single stem that persists to within 2 to 5 metres of the top. The first limbs emerge from 8 metres with larger boughs from 14 metres. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

Beech T3 of group G6
This tree has a comparatively slender stem that is straight and clear to 11 metres. At 11 metres there is a “dog leg” where a cluster of laterals emerge, the stem continues to 14 metres, where it then divides into several stems and limbs. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread

Beech T4 of group G6
Located slightly further South on the west side of the garden this tree has a slightly leaning single stem that persists to 6 metres, where it then divides into two. The central secondary stem is upright with the south stem being more angled outward. The main crown is dense and wide spread mostly to the South..

Beech T5 of group G6
The Beech trees T5 T6 and T7 are located to the east side of the rear garden, growing in close proximity to each other. T5
Has a single stem to 12 metres, that is clear to 8 metres, and persists to 12 metres, where it then divides into two main stems and several other smaller limbs and stems. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals to the south.

Beech T6 of group G6
This tree has a single south leaning curved stem that persists to within 3 to 4 metres of the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Beech T7 of group G6
The Beech tree T7 of group G6, has a curved stem that persists to 19 metres where it appears to have been lopped or damaged; the re-growth persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. At the south side of the base there is the remains of what was a significant sized secondary that was lost many years ago,leaving a stump to 1 metre. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works to all seven trees are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres Beech trees T1 to T7 of group G6. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass through 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.

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: 18/12/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 18/12/2025