Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/12/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1171/25**
Address	**30 Goodwood Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 2UR**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres, crown thin 10% and remove selected low limb and deadwood one Purple Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 04/12/25

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 Purple Beech tree in the northwest corner of the rear garden. The tree is visible from Goodwood Road and Plantation Rise, which are connected by a Public Footpath. The tree provides a backdrop to the low rise buildings at the southwest end of Goodwood Road, is part of the street scene, and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, crown lift, deadwood, crown thin and remove a selected low limb.

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 6 of 2004 confirmed on 23/08/04.

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2004 to crown lift secondary growth only, over the garden of No. 11 Plantation Rise to a height of 3 metres one Purple Beech (T1).

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2004 to crown lift up to 5 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, one Purple Beech tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Purple Beech growing in the rear adjacent to several other properties, and close to the setback Chalet bungalow of 30 Goodwood Road. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem which at 2 metres, has two large secondary stems emerge. The central stem persists to 4 metres, where it then divides into two, each stem dividing again at 6 metres, which with the other stems forms a bushy crown with no central leader. The main larger stems are mostly upright and parallel, with the wider parts being formed of smaller 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 to 3 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres, crown thin 10% and remove one selected low limb and deadwood. 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: 15/12/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.12.2025