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

Application Number	**AWDM/1084/25**
Address	**25 Bulkington Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 7HH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 4 metres, one Holm Oak tree T8.**

Date of site visit: 30/09/25

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 Holm Oak in the southern end of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread and crown lift.

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

1987: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1987 confirmed on 24/11/1987.

1993: Pollarding of Holm Oak (T8) to previous pollard points and crown reduction by 20% and crown lifting to 2.5 metres of Yew tree (T9) (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1/1987)

2000: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1/1987 to crown reduce by 2 metres, crown lift to 4 metres and crown thin by15% one Holm Oak (T8)

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1987 to crown lift to 4 metres, crown reduce by 3 metres and crown thin by 25% one Holm Oak (T8).

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1987 to crown lift to 4 metres, crown thin by 20% and crown reduce by 2 metres all around one Holm Oak (T8) in rear garden.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to crown lift up to 4 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown thin up to 20% one Holm Oak tree T8

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to reduce height and radial spread by up to 1 metre, crown lift up to 2.5 metres and crown thin 20% one Yew tree T9.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points (2 metres) one tree Holm Oak tree T8.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, and crown thin up to 20% one Yew tree T9.

2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres and crown thin 20% one Yew tree T9.

Planning Assessment

The Holm Oak tree T8 is a large mature growing in the rear garden close to the boundary with Broadwater Hall, to the south. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 1 metre, where it then becomes twin, with the southern stem angles out before correcting, elongating the crown. The stems are mostly clear to 3 metres, and each begins to divide further at 3.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with no central leader.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 4 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass 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: Louise Prew Date: 15/12/2025