Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/06/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0519/25**
Address	**1 Woodland Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN13 3AF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 1991 to reduce crown height by up to 0.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 to 3 metres and crown lift up to 3 metres one Yew tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 15/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a mature Yew tree located near the northwest corner of the front garden, close to the boundary wall. The tree is a prominent 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: One representation received from nearby neighbours in support.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 11 of 1991 confirmed on 06/12/1991.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11/1991 to crown reduce by 25% and crown lift by up to 3 metres to one Common Yew tree (T1)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized mature Yew tree growing in the front garden adjacent to the footpath and carriageway of Woodland Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a compound stem that begins to separate from 1 metre, into several. The central stems are upright and mostly persist to 3 metres, where they divide again, the outer stems are overarching into long near horizontal laterals. The first of the tightly spaced secondary laterals emerge from 1.2 metres. The main crown is dense and very wide spread with many over extended laterals. The centre of the crown has some small shoots and foliage.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 0.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 to 3 metres and crown lift up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree crown and allow access beneath 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: 12/06/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.06.2025