

Application Number **AWDM/0689/26**

Address **107a Grand Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN11 5BE**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 2007 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, Sweet Chestnut tree T2, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, one English Oak tree T6 of group G2.**

Date of site visit: 09/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature trees; one sweet Chestnut near the northeast corner of the main building and an English Oak of group G2 that is close to the garage compound accessed from Rugby Road. The trees are a part of the local landscape and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Sweet Chestnut tree T2, and reduce radial spread one English Oak tree T6 of group G2.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2007: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 2007 confirmed on 13/08/2007.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 2007 to fell two Monterey Cypress of group G1.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 2007 to reduce height by up to 1.5m, radial reduction of up to 3m and crown thin up to 15% one Sweet Chestnut tree T2; radial reduction by up to 4m and up to 15% crown thin to one Poplar T5; lateral reduction by up to 2m on Northern aspect and crown thin by up to 15% 3 Ash trees of group G2; and radial reduction by up to 2.5m and crown thin by up to 15% one Oak tree T6 in group G2.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 2007 to reduce radial spread on southern side by 1.5 to 4 metres: 3 to 4 metres on lower branches up to 1.5 metres on higher crown, and remove deadwood, Ash trees of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The trees are both large, tall matures, the Sweet Chestnut growing further into the garden, has less public views than the Oak tree which is closer to the southern boundary. The trees have varying prominence to the area and can be seen from several views. The trees are:

Sweet Chestnut tree T2

This tree has a large diameter single stem to 10 metres that reduces in girth from 6 to 7 metres. At 10 metres the main stem persists in further reduced form to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The first laterals emerge from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around the crown.

English Oak tree T6 of group G2

The English Oak tree T6 of group G2 has a single stem to 3.75 metres where it then divides into several stems and laterals that form a wide array. The main crown is mostly dense and wide spread with a slightly rounded form.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the 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 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: 30/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 30.07.2026