

Application Number	AWDM/0556/26
Address	Flat 3 30 Mill Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 5DR
Proposal	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 1998 to re-pollard to previous points one Black Poplar tree T1, and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre two Holly trees T1 and T2 of group G1.

Date of site visit: 02/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three mature trees, one large Black Poplar tree T1 adjacent to the front driveway and two Holly trees of group G1 on the eastern boundary of the front garden of 30 Mill Road. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Mill Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard to previous points one Black Poplar tree T1, and to reduce crown height and radial spread two Holly trees T1 and T2 of group G1.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1988: The property is included within Conservation Area VIII (Mill Road) designated by the Council on 20th December 1988.

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 4 of 1998 confirmed on 23/03/1998.

1998: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 4/1998 - north side - remove lowest minor limbs, east side - remove 3 limbs overhanging the driveway, roof and building, south side - remove lowest limbs over footpath, west side - remove limb closest to adjoining building and remove minor pendulous branches over driveway of No 32 Mill Road - one Black Poplar (T1) crown lift to 2.5 metres one yew (part of group G1) 30 Mill Road

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4/1998 to Pollard one Black Poplar (T1). Refused

2004: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order 4/1998 to crown reduce by two metres, crown lift over the road and clean out the crown to one Black Poplar (T1)

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 1998 to initiate pollard at 10-12 metres, and associated works, and remove large section of crown over highway on one Poplar tree T1

Planning Assessment

The trees are a large tall mature Black Poplar growing in the front garden adjacent to the driveway from Mill Road, and two mature smaller Holly trees on the eastern side of the front lawn area, adjacent to the boundary with 28 Mill Road. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Black Poplar tree T1

This tree has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres where it then divides into two clusters of long tall slender stems to the North and South of the main stem. The stems each extend to 10 to 12 metres, where they were previously pollarded and where the long regrowth emerges. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to re-pollard to previous points. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and reduce weight in the crown.

Holly T1 of group G1

The linear group G1 is located on the eastern side of the front garden and originally consisted of four trees, including the two Holly trees T1 and T2. Holly T1 is to the northern end of the group and has a single stem to 1.2 metres, where it then divides into two. The north stem angles outward with the south stem being mostly upright. The first limbs emerge from 4 metres. The centre of the main crown has an insurgence of Ivy, with the protruding limbs being slightly sparse.

Holly T2 of group G1

The Holly tree T2 of group G1 is located slightly further south than T1 and has twin stems from an above level common source. The stems mostly persist to within 2 metres of the top. The first laterals emerge from 3.75 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with slightly less Ivy.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass around their crowns.

The works to the Holly trees of group G1, 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 Mill Road Conservation Area.

The works to the Black Poplar T1 will be major in relation to the overall size, and form of the tree, and will make a significant difference to the trees appearance and amenity value. However the works are necessary in order to retain the tree and prevent the existing stems from becoming over extended.

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: 24/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 27.07.2026