Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 22/07/2025 11:40 AM from Mr Stephen Smith.

Application Summary

Address:	Oakgates 41 Goring Road Worthing West Sussex BN12 4AS
Proposal:	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.60 of 2001 to crown lift to allow clearance to roof and building of up to 2 metres, one varigated False Acacia T2 and one Sycamore tree T3.
Case Officer:	Jeremy Sergeant

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr Stephen Smith
Email:	
Address:	84 Goring Road Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Planning Application AWDM/0698/25 Dear Mr Peck Thank you for sending me information on the planning application in relation to 41 Goring Road and Toby Carvery. It saddens me when trees are cut down or significantly pruned. We should all value the role trees play in our climate and consider the long-term impact of changes. I'm particularly concerned about the magnificent oak tree being significantly cut back. We should treasure such trees that have been here long before we were born. I have some specific questions for your team to consider in relation to the application: 1) The Application does not give a clear reason why the oak tree needs to be cut back, and how much will be cut off: the opening paragraph states "to crown lift to allow clearance to roof and building of up to 2 metres" but the detailed document states "cut back branches to crown lift lower branches from roof by 5 metres". None of the branches are touching the roof. Can you please clarify how much of the magnificent oak tree will be cut off and why is this necessary? Without a clear explanation of the rationale for cutting branches it is impossible to evaluate

potential benefits against having a less impressive tree and the risk of stem failure or collapse (see below).

2) The Application instructions states "Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order you must also provide
a) Reasons for the work
b) Proposals for planting replacement trees or reasons for not wanting to replant".
Can you obtain and consider reasons for the work and a clear statement on the extent of pruning the oak tree. I hope that such work would not be permitted if it may reduce the tree's life expectancy
I copy below comments from the internet on crown lifts. Can you please obtain confirmation that the mature oak tree will be healthy after cutting off branches up to xx metres above the ground. If the tree subsequently died would the tree surgeons be liable?
- Pruning guidelines: Tree care guidelines recommend limiting the amount of live crown removed to avoid stressing the tree.
- Mature trees: Extensive crown lifting on mature trees can be detrimental, potentially leading to stem failure or collapse.

3) The plans state that ivy in the telephone pole will be cut but not removed. Surely better to cut and remove ivy?

I look forward to hearing from someone in your team.

Kind regards Stephen Smith