Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/08/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0779/25**
Address	**15 Uplands Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN13 3AA**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.27 of 1998 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 6 metres, one Atlantic Blue Cedar tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 19/08/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium to large sized early mature Atlas Cedar located near the centre of the Eastern boundary of the front garden . 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 a nearby neighbour in support of the work.

Relevant Planning History

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 27 of 1998 confirmed on 22/12/1998.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a relatively large early mature Blue Atlas Cedar growing in the front garden adjacent to the public pavement and the access drive way to 11 and 15 Uplands Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem that persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top of the crown, with a large secondary stem that emerges at 1.5 metres and forms most of the lower South and Southeast parts of the crown. The first limbs emerge from 2 metres. The main crown is moderately 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, and crown lift up to 6 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, allow access and allow more light and air to pass 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: 19/08/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 20.08.2025