Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 17/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1558/24**
Address	**42 Ashdown Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1DF**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1994 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre one Yew tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 04/03/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Yew tree in the front garden of 42 Ashdown Road. The tree is close to the northwest corner of the garden adjacent to the junction of Ashdown Road and Sussex Road. The tree is a 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.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1994: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13 of 1994 confirmed on 26/10/94.

1994: Application submitted in respect of Worthing Tree Preservation Order number 13/1994 to fell one Yew tree (T1) Refused.

1999: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13/1994 to crown lift by the removal of lower branches up to 1.8 metres above ground level and to remove branch abrading the property to one Yew tree T1.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1994 to crown lift to 3 metres and crown reduce spread of one Yew tree (T1).

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1994 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 3 metres one Yew tree T1.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1994 to reduce crown all round by 0.5 metres one Yew tree T1.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1994 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 metre one Yew tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The Yew is small to medium sized mature growing in the northwest corner of the front garden. It is an established feature that is prominent in the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

The tree is single stemmed to 0.5 metres, where it then divides into two upright stems that each divide again at 2.5 metres on the north and 3 metres on the southern stem. The main crown is dense from 2.25 metres with some large and wider spreading epicormic growth.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to1 metre. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, allow access alongside, and allow more light and air to pass around 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: 17/03/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 17/03/2025