

Application Number **AWDM/0214/26**

Address **Celandine 8 Honeysuckle Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BT**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, crown lift up to 2.5 metres, crown thin 20% and remove deadwood two Beech trees T4 and T5.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/26

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 Beech trees located in the front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the rural character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread crown lift, crown thin and remove deadwood two Beech trees T4 and T5.

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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1991 confirmed on 28/05/1991.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 2 of 1991 to lift secondary and tertiary branches to a height of 4 metres above ground level to one Beech tree (T7) in rear garden.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 2 of 1991 to crown reduce by 20% by volume (thinning) and reduce crown spread by 1-2 metres and height by 1-2 metres on two Beech trees (T4 and T5) in front garden.

2023: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, crown lift up to 2.5 metres, crown thin 20% and remove deadwood two Beech trees T4 and T5.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Beech trees growing in the front garden, T4 to the northeast of the front garden between the detached garage and the main building, and T5 which is further west close to the centre of the front garden. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many

views. The application is the same as AWD/0176/23 which although given consent was not carried out within the 2 years permitted. The trees are:

Beech T4

This tree has a single stem to 3 metres where it divides into three large upright secondary stems that persist to 6 metres, before dividing again. The main larger stems have previously been reduced at 12 to 13 metres. The main crown is high, dense and wide spread.

Beech T5

The Beech tree T5 has a single stem that persists to 7 metres, in reduced from 5 metres, with a large secondary stem emerging at 3.5 metres. The main stem divides from 5 metres with the tree having been reduced overall at approximately 11 metres. The resulting re-growth is mostly small slender upright stems. The main crown is dense, high and slightly more compact with minimal spread.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, crown lift up to 2.5 metres, crown thin 20% and remove deadwood. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crowns.

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: 01/04/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 01.04.2026