Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0061/25**
Address	**2 Hillside Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9QR**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.32 of 2002 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Norway Maple tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 19/03/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Norway Maple located near the northwest 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.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2002: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 32 of 2002 confirmed on 03/04/2002.

2003: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 32 of 2002 to crown reduce by 40% one Beech, one Norway Maple and one Sycamore (T1, T2, and T3) REFUSED.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation order No. 32 of 2002 to crown reduce by one-third, crown thin by 20% and crown lift to 5 metres one Beech (T1) and one Norway Maple (T2)

2006: Application for consent under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 32 of 2002 to crown lift to 6 metres, crown thin by 20% and remove dead wood of one Sycamore (T3).

2017: Unauthorised works to TPO trees Planning Enforcement Investigation Completed.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.32 of 2002 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres, one Sycamore tree T3.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Norway Maple growing in the front garden adjacent to the low boundary wall and grass verge. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 3 metres, where it divides into two. The Northwest stem divides again at 3.5 metres, including a terminated dead stem to the south, and two stems to the East that angle outward. The smaller Western stem also angles outward and persists to 4 metres, where it divides again. The main crown is open to the centre with three mostly separate spires that are dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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: 27/03/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 27/03/2025