Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 30/05/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0467/25**
Address	**1 Cherry Tree Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 3QJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Horse Chestnut tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single large mature Horse Chestnut tree, in the front garden of 1 Cherry Tree Close. This is a longstanding feature of the area, and out-dates the surrounding buildings. The tree can be seen from many views.

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

1985: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 4 of 1985 confirmed on 19/04/1985.

1998: Application to crown lift one Horse Chestnut to a height of 3.5 metres above ground level; crown thin by 20% and crown reduce selective limbs growing towards the property by 1 metre.

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 90 of 2001 confirmed on 13/11/2001, updating the previous order.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 91 of 2001 to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 1 – 1.5 metres on one Horse Chestnut Tree (T1)

Planning Assessment

The tree is a well-established large mature Horse Chestnut tree growing on the open plan front lawn of the property, where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres where it divides into three main stems that each begin to divide again from 2.25 metres. The secondary stems are mostly upright forming a tight array. The main crown is 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. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass 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: 30/05/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 02.06.2025