Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/02/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1366/25**
Address	**Wallace Court Wallace Avenue Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.5 of 1993 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres one Sycamore tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/01/26

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 Sycamore in the rear of the grounds, near the southeast corner. 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 light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1993: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 5 of 1993 confirmed on 06/05/93.

1993: Crown thin by 50% one Sycamore (t1) remove stumps to one birch (t2), crown thin by 50% and removal of epicormic growth to two Horse Chest Nut trees T6 & T7.

1996: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 5/1993 to fell one Sycamore (T1), thin and reduce one Silver Birch (T2)

1997: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 5/1993 for selective crown thinning and crown lifting of two Horse Chestnuts (T6 and T7) one Silver Birch (T2) and one Norway Maple T3

2000: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 5/1993 to crown thin by 20% and light tip reduction to 1 Norway Maple (T3); Light tip reduction and shaping 1 Flowering Crab (T4); 10%- 20% reduction to 1 Hawthorn (T5) and 30% crown thin 2 Horse Chestnuts (T6 and T7).

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 5 of 1993 to crown lift to 4 metres and deadwood one Sycamore tree (T1) and crown lift to 3 metres, deadwood and remove small secondary branches away from the corner of the flats to one Norway Maple (T3).

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 5 of 1993 to crown lift one Flowering Crab (T4), one Hawthorn (T5) and two Horse Chestnut trees (T6 and T7) to 3 metres above ground level. Split Decision Refused: to crown reduce, to previous pruning points, the Horse Chestnut (T6)

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.5 of 1993 to re-pollard to previous points and associated works on two Horse Chestnut trees T6 and T7, and to reduce radial spread to allow a clearance to the building of up to 2 metres one Sycamore tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Sycamore growing in the rear grounds adjacent to the boundary with the rear garden of 65 Wallace Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem that persists to 8 metres where it divides into two main central stems, with a cluster of large upright stems from 6 metres. The wider spread angled outward stems emerge from 6 to 7 metres. 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 1 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: 06/02/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 06/02/2026