

Application Number **AWDM/1508/25**

Address **55 Hillside Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9QS**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.26 of 1991 to fell and replace one Walnut tree T6.**

Date of site visit: 09/02/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Walnut tree in the rear garden of the property at the middle of the southern boundary. The tree is to the west of a large group of established trees, which are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Walnut tree T6.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 26 of 1991 confirmed on 28/10/91.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 26 of 1991 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres and crown thin up to 10% one Walnut tree T6.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized early mature growing in the rear garden to the property adjacent to its southern boundary. The tree is single stemmed to 3.5 metres where it then divides into two main stems. The southern stem extends laterally into the neighbouring garden with the north side stem being more upright. It is reported that the tree became defoliated early in the season. The main crown is mostly open with no bud development.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to poor condition.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed felling of the Walnut tree T6 and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size, species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, any of the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 25/02/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 25.02.2026