Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0944/25**
Address	**Millefleur Mill Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3DE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1991 to reduce radial spread to north by up to 2 metres Holm Oak T5, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres Beech T3 and Holm Oak T2.**

Date of site visit: n/a

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three large mature trees, two located in the front garden and one in the rear. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to north Holm Oak T5, and reduce radial spread Beech T3 and Holm Oak T2.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 1991 confirmed on 23/05/91.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1991 to crown lift to 3 metres above car parking area and road one Holm Oak (T5); crown reduction and crown lift to reduce branches over roof of 'Revelstone' to Beech tree (T3); and crown lift to 6 metres one Holm Oak (T2).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1991 to crown lift up to 3 metres one Holm Oak tree (T5) and to reduce branches to give up to 2 metres clearance to building on one Beech tree (T3).

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1991 to crown lift up to 3.5 metres one Beech tree (T3) and one Holm Oak tree (T2).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1991 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 3 metres, on one Holm Oak tree T5.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two Holm Oaks: T5 in the Northwest corner of the front garden, and T2 toward the Northeast corner of the rear garden, and one Beech tree T3 growing in close proximity to the main buildings of Millefleur and Revelstone. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Holm Oak T2
This tree is multi-stemmed from ground level, with numerous large stems creating a broadly domed dense crown. There are several low hanging secondary branches that make the crown lower than the main scaffold limbs. The tree has minor cavities and some included bark. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, the works are to contain the spread of the tree crown.

Holm Oak T5
The Holm Oak tree T5 is twin stemmed from ground level, with both stems dividing into a wide array of long secondary limbs and stems from 2 to 2.5 metres, and dense foliage that emerges at 6 metres. The wider and taller parts of the crown are formed from secondary limbs. Both of the main stems have some damage with clearly visible areas of decay. These have all calloused over providing strong re-growth, near the base. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to north by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree crown, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown by reducing the lower hanging perimeter tertiary branches.

Beech T3
The tree has a single stem to 6-7 metres where it begins to divide. There are several secondary branches that hang lower than the mostly upright scaffold limbs, some of which extend over the rooflines of both buildings. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance, 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 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: 16/09/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 16/9/25