Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 08/07/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0577/25**
Address	**40 Chesswood Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2AD**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49 of 1995 to crown lift up to 5 metres, Holm Oak T1 and Lime T2 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 15/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large tall mature trees, one Holm Oak and one Lime, located along the Northern boundary of the front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift Holm Oak T1 and Lime T2 both of group G1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 49 of 1995 confirmed on 07/02/1996.

1996: Application for consent under Tree Preservation Order No.49/1995 for works to Lime tree(within group G1 crown lift to three metres above ground level by the removal of the lower branches up to this

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49/1995 to remove low branches and clean out the crown of 1 Common Lime (part of Group G1) and to carry out selective remedial crown spread and height reduction and crown lifting to four Holm Oak and two Sycamore (Group G2).pplication for consent under

Planning Assessment

The trees are both large matures; one Holm Oak and one Lime, growing in the front garden adjacent to the pavement of Chesswood Road. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Holm Oak T1 of group G1
This tree is located to the west of the Lime T2, and has a large diameter deeply fissured single stem to 5 metres, where it divides into two upright secondary stems. Each of the secondary stems persist to 8 metres where they each begin to divide again with the larger main stems persisting to within 2 metres of the top. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended and lower hanging laterals.

Lime T2 of group G1
The Lime tree T2 of group G1 has a single stem to 7 metres, that then divides into two upright secondary stems that each mostly persist to the top. There is foliage from near ground level and some deadwood present including two dead stems that emerge from 4 metres, and some stag heads to the top. The main crown is dense at the base and to the west, being significantly thinner on its eastern side.

The proposed works for both trees are to crown lift up to 5 metres, to allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass under the crowns.

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: 08/07/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 08/07/2025