

Application Number **AWDM/0052/26**

Address **47 Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BP**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.19 of 1989 to crown lift up to 10 metres Cypress trees of group G6 and to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres Cypress tree T17.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to five large mature Cypress trees: one in the rear garden T17 and four of group G6 in the front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift Cypress trees of group G6 and to reduce crown height Cypress tree T17.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1989: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 19 of 1989 confirmed on 19/08/91.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.19 of 1989 to reduce crown height by up to 3 to 4 metres one Cypress tree T17 and one Silver Birch T18, and to crown lift up to 8 metres one Cypress tree T1 of group G7.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.19 of 1989 to raise canopy to 8 metres and remove dead, broken branches of one Monterey Cypress of group G6.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a large mature Cypress T17 a growing in the rear garden adjacent to the southern boundary and four large mature Cypress of group G6 in the northwest of the front, front/side garden adjacent to the fence lines of Merrowdown in Salvington Hill and 45 Furze Road, close to the driveway area and the separate single garage. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Cypress trees of group G7

These trees are one large diameter single stem that divides from 2 to 3 metres, with several slightly more slender stems that emerge 1 to 2 metres, and mostly arch over from 5 to 6 metres, and three multitemmed from ground level. The trees are all mostly clear to 6 -7 metres, with some broken and hanging limbs. The combined main crown is slightly sparse from 8 to 12 metres, becoming dense in the last 12 to 18 metres, where it is also wide spread.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 10 metres, to allow more light and air to pass beneath the combined crown, and to create a more even line to the lower crown.

Cypress T17

The Cypress tree T17 is located to the southern end of the rear garden, on the boundary with properties in Palmers Way. The tree has multiple stems from ground level that are widespread and have dense foliage from ground level. The crown is dense with a cylindrical form, and a mostly flat top.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1 to 2 metres, back to previous points, to contain the size of the tree and form a more uniform shape to 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: 26/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 26.03.2026