

Application Number **AWDM/0252/26**

Address **42 Hurston Close Worthing West Sussex BN14 0AX**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1996 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and remove deadwood Sycamore tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 20/04/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Sycamore tree slightly east of the centre of the rear garden. The tree is part of group G1 which has 22 trees that run in a broad group from the middle of the eastern boundary of 43 to the middle of the eastern boundary of 41 Hurston Close. The Sycamore T1 of group G1 is one of several 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 reduce crown height and radial spread and remove deadwood Sycamore tree T1 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

1996: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 3 of 1996 confirmed on 26/09/96.

1999: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1996 to remove overhanging branches, reduce and crown lift various Sycamore and Yew trees adjacent to rear boundary.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3/1996 to crown lift to 5 metres above ground level one group of Sycamore trees and one Walnut tree (Group G1).

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3/1996 to crown reduce by up to 25% to 11 Sycamore trees (G1). Application Refused.

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3/1996 to fell 4 Sycamore, crown thin and reshape a further 6 Sycamore and 2 Holly and crown lift and sever Ivy, 1 Sycamore, (all within Group G1).

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1996 to reduce height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, one Sycamore tree of group G1.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1996 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres on one Sycamore tree of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large sized early mature growing in the rear garden of the property. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single clear stem to 3.5 metres, where the main crown breaks into 3 main scaffold stems, and several smaller lateral branches also emerge from this point. The main crown is dense and wide spread, with a slight suppression of growth on the east side, from other trees of group G1, and some deadwood.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and remove deadwood. 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: 24/04/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 24/04/2026