

Application Number **AWDM/0351/26**

Address **5 Warren Farm Place Worthing West Sussex BN14 9QA**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1996 to reduce radial spread to west by up to 2 metres Sycamore trees 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 group of large mature Sycamore trees located along the western boundary of the rear 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 reduce radial spread to the west the Sycamore trees of group G1 that border 42 Hurston Close.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of 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.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3/1996 to crown reduce by up to 25% to 11 Sycamore trees (G1). Refused.

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3/1996 to fell 4 Sycamore (numbered 4, 7, 9 and 12) out of group of 11 Sycamore and to crown lift one further sycamore (numbered 13) and lower ivy.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1996 to remove east stem, crown lift up to 5m, crown thin up to 15% Sycamore T1, remove south stem, crown lift up to 5m, crown thin up to 15% Sycamore T2, crown lift to 5m, reduce radial spread by 2m Sycamore T3, crown lift to 5m, crown thin up to 15% Sycamore T4, remove north stem crown lift to 5m, reduce radial spread by 2m, crown thin up to 15% Sycamore T6 and to crown lift to 5m, reduce radial spread by 2m, and crown thin up to 15% Sycamore trees T5 & T7 all of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The trees are large matures growing in a linear group that extends along the boundary between properties in Hurston Way and Warren Farm Place. The group runs from the centre of the west boundary of the rear garden of 4 Warren Farm Place to the north west corner of the rear garden of number 5 Warren Farm Place. The trees that are the subject of this application are those that border the rear garden of 42 Hurston Close (the applicants). The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are mostly single stemmed, four with high crowns from 5 metres, and one at the southern end with foliage from 2 metres. The main crown is partially combined, modestly dense and wide spread, particularly to the west.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to the west by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass the combined 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: 05/05/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 05/05/2026