Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 19/03/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1389/25**
Address	**3 Kinfauns Drive Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to crown lift east side up to 4 metres trees of group G4, remove back to stem one low limb of Sycamore tree T1 of group G4 and to remove large limb on eastside of Sweet Chestnut tree T11.**

Date of site visit: 04/03/26

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a linear group of medium to large trees G4, including Sycamore T1 of G4, and a single Sweet Chestnut at the northern end of the group, which are located along the western boundary of the rear garden. 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 crown lift east side of all trees of group G4, remove back to stem one low limb of Sycamore tree T1 of group G4 and to remove large limb on east side of Sweet Chestnut tree T11.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 98 of 2001 confirmed on 18/02/2002.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to fell one Hornbeam and one Holly (within Group G2) and to reduce crown spread towards No. 1 Kinfauns Drive of 4 Holly, 3 Ash and 2 Hornbeam (Part of Group G2) and crown lift to 3 metres one English Oak and one Hornbeam in Group G4 adjacent to rear boundary.

Planning Assessment

The trees are all medium to large matures, including Hornbeam Beech and Sycamore of Group G1, and the Sweet Chestnut T11, that are growing in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with properties in Furze Close. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from several views.

<u>Trees of group G4</u>
This group consists of 8 trees including Sycamore Beech and Hornbeam. The trees are a mix of single and multistemmed trees with the first lateral emerging from 2 metres. The slightly over

extended limbs of the upper crown are those that are closest to the roof line of the main building. The combined main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift east side up to 4 metres trees of group G4. The works are to contain the spread of the trees.

Sycamore tree T1 of group G4
The Sycamore T1 of group G4 is located at the southern end of the group on the boundary with 11 Furze Close. The tree tree has a single stem to 7 metres, where it then divides into several smaller stems. The first lateral emerges from 5 metres and extends widely to the southwest. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift east side up to 4 metres and remove back to stem selected low limb to the southwest. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and effectively lift and re-shape the crown.

Sweet Chestnut tree T11
This tree has a slender single stem to 5 metres, where it then divides into 2 main stems, that each divide several times to the top. The first laterals emerge from 5.5 metres with some being close to the main building and some retained deadwood. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to remove selected large limb on the east side, to allow clearance to the main building and to remove deadwood. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance, and for general safety.

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: 19/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 19.03.2026