Development Management – Delegated Officer Report 12/11/2026

Application Number AWDM/0855/26

Address Durrington Parish Church Of St Symphorians Durrington Hill Worthing BN13 3HU

Proposal Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 25 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 1m, one Yew tree (T2) to clear church signage.

Date of site visit: 28.09.2026

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The subject tree, one Yew located within the front grounds of the church. It would appear that the subject tree has been the subject to light management in the past, however there are no previous applications relating to the subject tree – this may have been carried out under an exemption. The proposed works are considered relatively minor and in line with good arboricultural practices, the proposed works will not negatively impact the aesthetic value of the tree nor the trees ability to function biologically

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of clearance of built structures

Consultations: None.

Representations: None

Relevant Planning History

A search of the planning history of the site show that there haven't been any previous applications for work to the subject tree

Planning Assessment

Recommendation: APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The works hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998:1989 or any equivalent standard.

Reason: To protect the special amenity value of the tree(s).

2. The tree work to which this consent relates shall be carried out within 2 years of the date of this consent but in any case not during the nesting season from 1st March to 30th August of any year.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to review the need for the works in the event of this consent not being implemented; to protect wildlife; and to allow recovery from spring growth having regard to the National Planning Policy Framework and policy DM19 of the Worthing Local Plan.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? No

Case Officer:	CP	Date: 12/11/2026
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