

Application Number **AWDM/0702/26**

Address **40 Offington Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 9RT**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.41 of 1990 to fell and replace Yew tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 30/06/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Yew tree located near the southwest corner of the front garden, close to the flint built boundary wall. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace Yew tree T1 of group G1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 41 of 1990 confirmed on 18/03/1991.

1996: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 41/1990 to crown lift to three metres one Blue Atlas Cedar (T1) and crown lift to 2.5 metres one further Blue Atlas.

Planning Assessment

The tree is one of two large mature Yew of group G1 T1 being at the southern end. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large compound stem to 3 metres, where the stems begin to separate and the larger laterals emerge. The stems and branches are either defoliated or supporting orange / brown foliage where the needles have died. The tree has been declining since 2024. The main crown is dense with branches and stems and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals. There are some areas where small epicormic growth is beginning to emerge.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to its poor condition.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed felling of the Yew tree T1 and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 29/07/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 29/07/2026