Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/08/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0686/25**
Address	**17 Vancouver Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 2SN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 2022 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, one Maple tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 21/08/25

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 Maple located near the northeast corner of the rear garden, adjacent to the pavement of Vancouver Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread Maple tree T1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2022: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 2022 confirmed on 15/06/2022.

Planning Assessment

The tree is one of two large mature Maple trees of TPO 2 of 2022 growing along the Northern boundary of the rear garden. The Maple T1 to the West of the two, is close to the Northwest corner and partially overhangs the adjacent garden of 1 Toronto Close, the applicants. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Maple tree T1 has a main central stem that persists to 7 metres where it then divides into several upright stems. The main stem has additional secondary stems to the South and West from 2.5 metres, with all stems having been reduced at 9 to 10 metres, more than 5 years ago. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, one Maple tree T1. The works are to contain the 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: 22/08/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 22.08.2025