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

Application Number	**AWDM/0777/25**
Address	**10 Cherry Tree Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 3QJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres Beech trees of group G2.**

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 eight large tall mature Beech trees located on the northern and western boundaries of the rear garden of 10 Cherry Tree Close. The trees form part of a long linear group, G2 of Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 91 of 2001 that extends along the rear boundaries (south to north) of Nos. 6 to 9 Cherry Tree Close and west to east at Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Cherry Tree Close. The trees are part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the High Salvington area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Beech trees of group G2.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 4 of 1985 confirmed on 09/07/1985.

1985: Planning permission granted for 15 two-storey detached houses with garages as extension to West Way (Cherry Tree Close)

2001: Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 made by Worthing Borough Council 12/11/2001

2004: Conditional consent granted 22.03.2004 to crown lift to 6 metres and reduce overhang over the rear garden of 15 Palmers Way by 2.5 m on Beech trees at 11 Cherry Tree Close (WB/04/00191/TPO)

2011: Conditional consent granted 17.03.2011 to crown reduce in height (by 25% approximately) row of 15 Beech trees in the rear gardens of Nos. 10 and 11 Cherry Tree Close adjacent to the rear boundaries of Nos.15, 17 and 19 Palmers Way (WB/11/0014/TPO)

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 91 of 2001 to reduce the radial crown spread by an average 2 – 3 metres on the south side of 4 no. Beech trees (3 trees at 11 Cherry Tree Close and one Beech at 10 Cherry Tree Close) (Part of Group G2)

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 3 to 4 metres, on 15 Beech trees of group G2

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres four Beech trees of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The trees are eight large tall mature Beech growing in the rear garden of 10 Cherry Tree Close, adjacent to the Southern boundary of properties in Palmers Way and along the western boundary of the side garden. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The Beech trees form part of a tall moderately dense line between the rear gardens of Cherry Tree Close and Palmers Way. The trees are a mixture of single and twin slender stemmed trees with high crowns that break from 10 metres. The tops of the crowns have no single leaders and are broadly domed. The main combined crown forms a dappled green block that has some wider spread secondary laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres on all eight trees. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees, allow more light and air to pass through the combined crown and to continue with the current management regime.

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: 22/08/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 22.08.2025