Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/02/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1404/25**
Address	**44 Longlands Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.46 of 2003 to crown lift up to 7 metres and reduce radial spread to south 2 metres Beech T2 of group G4, and to crown lift up to 7 metres Beech tree T1 of group G4.**

Date of site visit: 04/02/26

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature Beech trees in the raised section 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 reduce radial spread to south Beech T2 of group G4, and to crown lift up to 7 metres Beech trees T1 and T2 of group G4.

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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 46 of 2003 confirmed on 29/01/2004.

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 46/2003 to crown lift to 5 metres, crown thin by 15% and remove dead wood - 3 Beech trees, crown lift to 5 metres and remove dead wood - 1 Norway Maple (Part of Group G4 in rear garden). Reduce excessive branches by up to 1 metre and crown thin by 15% 1 Norway Maple (T4 in front garden).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.46 of 2003 to fell one dying Beech tree within group G4.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Beech that are part of group G4, which is a linear group that runs from 32 Longlands westward to the boundary between 44 and 48 Longlands. The trees are mostly visible as a backdrop to houses in Longlands, and as screening when viewed from the north within the adjacent golf course.

The trees are:

Beech tree T1 of G4
This tree is growing at the top of the inclined rear garden close to the Northwest corner. The tree has a single central stem to 7 metres, where a long lateral emerges that extends near horizontally to the Southeast, correcting at 2 metres from the central trunk, where it forms a separate spire. The central stem has its longest limbs to the south and southeast. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 7 metres and reduce radial spread to south 2 metres Beech T2 of group G4. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crown.

Beech tree T2 of G4
The second Beech tree of group G4, is located toward the southeast, closer to the main building. The tree has a single stem that persists to 9 metres where it then divides into several mostly upright stems. The first laterals emerge from 8 metres, with some supporting lower hanging tertiary branches.

The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 7 metres. The works are to allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crown.

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: 05/02/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 05/02/2026