Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1202/26**
Address	**Yeomans Conifer Drive Worthing West Sussex BN13 3NS**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.31 of 2006 to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, three Eucalyptus trees of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 04/12/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three large early mature Cider Gum (Eucalyptus) trees located on the northern frontage of the Yeomans Car showroom, adjacent to Conifer Drive. 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 crown height and reduce radial spread on three Eucalyptus trees of group G1.

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

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order No. 31 of 2006 confirmed on 01/11/2006.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 31 of 2006 to crown lift up to 2 metres and removal of basal growth on two Lime trees (T1 & T2) of group G2, Reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre on two Lime trees (T3 &T4), one Holm Oak tree (T5) and one English Oak (T6) all of group G2, and to reduce radial spread by up to 0.5 metres on Holm Oak trees T9 & T10, and to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre and reduce in height by up to 1 metre on two Hornbeam trees T7 & T8.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.31 of 2006 to undertake works to Trees T1 - T5 and within Woodland Group G2 on street frontage of Yeomans Toyota; including crown reduction and lift, height and radial spread reduction.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.31 of 2006 to crown lift up to 5 metres seven trees of group G2, English Oak trees T1 & T4, and Hornbeam T5

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.31 of 2006 to reduce height by 2.5m and radial reduction of 2m to group of Cider Gum trees (G1).

Planning Assessment

The trees are three large mature Eucalyptus growing in a border between the northern car parking area of the showroom and the pavement of Conifer Drive, close to the junction with Yeoman Road. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Eucalyptus T1 of group G2
This tree is located at the northeast end of the group and has two stems from above ground level, the east stem angles outward and begins to divide from 2.25 metres. The slightly larger main stem mostly persists to the top, with a “dog leg” at 2 metres, where a cluster of smaller poles emerge. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals to the east and some low hanging smaller branches.

Eucalyptus T2 of group G2
The central tree T2 is located slightly further south than T1 and T3. The tree has a leaning single stem that divides into 2 with a strong “Y” shaped union from 2 metres. The west stem persists to the top with the east stem dividing again from 4 metres, and several more times to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended lower hanging laterals.

Eucalyptus T3 of group G2
The tree to the southwest of the group and is multi-stemmed with stems emerging from a common source above ground level. Each of the stems mostly persist to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works to all three trees are to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass around their crowns.

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: 16/01/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 19.01.2026