Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 11/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0689/25**
Address	**Upper Brighton Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9HY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 2010 to reduce crown height by up to 4 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and crown lift up to 3 metres, one Cider Gum tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 09/09/25

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 Cider Gum tree (Eucalyptus gunnii) located near the centre of the eastern boundary of the rear garden. 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 reduce crown height and radial spread and crown lift.

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

2010: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 11 of 2010 confirmed on 26/01/2011.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 11 of 2010 to crown lift up to 3 metres, prune to allow clearance to building of up to 2 metres and remove deadwood one Eucalyptus tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large Eucalyptus growing in the rear garden, where it is visible from the main routeway of the A27 Upper Brighton Road, and from the public open space of The Rotary Recreation Ground to the north of the property. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into several stems and laterals, with two main upright stems, that support smaller heavily laden limbs. The larger stems and laterals form a wide array. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 4 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 3 metres, and crown lift up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, 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 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: 11/09/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 11/09/2025