

Application Number **AWDM/0154/26**

Address **Beech Gardens Bulkington Avenue Worthing West Sussex**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1996 to crown lift up to 5.5 metres, to allow clearance to pavement and carriageway and prune to allow clearance of up to 0.5 metres to Street lamp, Oak trees T5 and T6 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 04/03/26

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 Oak trees located either side of the southeast corner of the front grounds. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift to allow clearance to pavement and carriageway and prune to allow clearance of up to Street lamp, Oak trees T5 and T6 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

1996: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13 of 1996 confirmed on 16/01/1997.

1999: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation No. 1/1982 to crown lift to 3.5 metres one Monterey Pine (T1). Crown lift to 4 metres and crown reduce by up to 1 metre on Northern side to one Beech (T2)

2003: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1996 to remove deadwood and thin by 10% one Pine (T1) and remove deadwood to Oak within Group G1

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13/1996 for various remedial pruning works to 2 Oak, 2 Yew, 1 Holly, 1 Silver Birch, 1 Western Red Cedar, (Groups G1 and G2) and 1 Purple leaved Plum (T3), and 1 Sycamore (T4).

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1996 to fell one Western Red Cedar var. 'Zebrina' and replace with one Chanticleer Pear 10 - 12 cm girth size; and to crown lift to 3 metres over the pavement and reduce by up to 1.5 metres one Yew (Part of Group G2) and to crown lift to 3 metres and thin by 20% one Sycamore (T3).

Planning Assessment

The trees are large mature Oaks growing in the front grounds adjacent to the carriage ways and pavements of both Bulkington Avenue and South Farm Road, close to their small roundabout junction. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Oak T5 of G1

This tree is located to the north of the group, alongside South Farm Road. The tree has a large diameter slightly leaning single stem to 3 metres, where it divides into two, each secondary stem dividing again from 4.5 to 5 metres. The first laterals emerge from 3.5 metres including a large horizontal limb that extends widely to the south. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals across the pavement and close to the public streetlamp.

Oak T6 of G1

The Oak tree T6 of group G1 is located further Southwest, along Bulkington Avenue. The tree has a single stem with a curve southward from 2 metres, that persists to 6 metres, where it divides. At 4 metres a large secondary stem emerges, which achieves an equal height in the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for both trees are to crown lift up to 5.5 metres, to allow clearance to pavement and carriageway and prune to allow clearance of up to 0.5 metres to the Street lamp near the southeast corner. The works are to contain the spread of the trees, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through 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

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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: 07/04/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 07/04/2026