Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 01/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0780/25**
Address	**Dormers 9A Cheviot Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 2LL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.77 of 2001 to remove / reduce limb on western side one Blue Atlas Cedar T18.**

Date of site visit: 27/08/25

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 Atlas Cedar tree in the rear garden of Dormers 9 Cheviot Close. The tree is located to the west of the Garage, adjacent to the rear gardens of properties in Cradock Place. The tree is part of an established group of trees, which are prominent in the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to remove / reduce limb on western side one Blue Atlas Cedar T18.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 77 of 2001 confirmed on 17/12/01.

2003: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.77 of 2001 to carry out various remedial pruning and shaping of one Lawson Cypress (T15), one Silver Birch (T17) and two Blue Atlas Cedar (T18 and T19).

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.77 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, crown lift up to 2.5 metres and remove selected vertical shoot on western limb of one Blue Atlas Cedar tree T18 and to reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres and crown thin 25% the two lowest limbs on eastern side of one Blue Atlas Cedar tree T19.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Blue Atlas Cedar growing near the Southwest corner of the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with 17 Cradock Place. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has three main stems, a large central main stem that extends to 8 metres, and large secondary stems that emerge at 2 to 3 metres to the Northeast and West sides. The West stems support several long laterals. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals and low hanging foliage.

The proposed works are to remove / reduce limb on western side one Blue Atlas Cedar T18, The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance and allow more light and air to pass 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: 01/09/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 01.09.2025