Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/10/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1022/25**
Address	**Street Record New Brunswick Drive Worthing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 2009 to fell and replace one Laburnum tree 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 medium sized early mature Laburnum tree located on a grass verge to the Southeast of the site. The tree is one of several trees that are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2010: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 4 of 2009 confirmed on 24/03/10.

2017: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 4 of 2009 to reduce radial spread to north from approximately 5 to 3m and lift to 3m T11 Prunus Cerasifera.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized tall early mature Laburnum growing in grass verge to the Southeast of the parking area behind the block of flats Nunavut Heights. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 1.5 metres where it then divides into two, the larger southern stem divides again from 2 metres with the North stem persisting to 2.5 metres. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread, and off balance following the removal of deadwood to the southside.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree as the poorly shaped remaining crown still has some deadwood areas of blown bark and cavities, some below the union of the main stems.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The Proposed felling of the Laburnum tree T18, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size, species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 07/10/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 08.10.2025