

Application Number **AWDM/0359/26**

Address **1 Furzeholm Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BS**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.11 of 1980 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres and prune to allow clearance of up to 1 metre to cables within crown, one Pine tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 20/04/26

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 Pine located near the Southwest Corner of the front garden, close to the carriageway of Furze Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, crown lift and prune to allow clearance to telephone cables within the crown.

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

1980: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 11 of 1980 confirmed on 28/10/1980.

Planning Assessment

The tree is the sole remaining tree of group G1, the others having been lost in 1986. The tree is a large mature growing in the front garden. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 8 metres, where it then divides into several stems that each over arch with some pointing downward forming a broadly domed flattened main crown. The first laterals emerge from 6 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended and lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, crown lift up to 5.5 metres and prune to allow clearance of up to 1 metre to cables within the crown. These works are to contain the spread of the tree crown, allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crown, and to abate possible future nuisance.

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: 21/05/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 21.05.2026