Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1192/26**
Address	**The Lime Tree Surgery Lime Tree Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 0DL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.96 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres to previous points Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 09/12/25

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 Beech tree located near the northwestern corner of the front garden, adjacent to the pavement of Lime Tree Avenue. 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 to previous points.

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

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 96 of 2001 confirmed on 17/12/2001.

2012: T1 – Beech – Crown lift to 5 metres and prune away from telephone wires to give 0.5 metres clearance, reduce wayward branches in the crown by up to 1 metre

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.96 of 2001 to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 1.5 metres, reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and to reduce three limbs on the east side by up to 2 metres on one Beech tree T3.

2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 96 of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Norway Maple T2 and to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Beech tree T3.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the front garden opposite to the junction of Lime Tree Avenue and Coombe Rise. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into two clusters of stems to the north and south that each divide again from 6 metres. The re-growth from the last reduction consists of multiple slender upright stems. The first laterals emerge from 3.25 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, both being to previous points. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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: 15/01/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.01.2026