Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0102/25**
Address	**20 Foxley Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3AB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 1998 to reduce crown height by up to 6 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres one Turkey Oak T2.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/25

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Turkey Oak located near the centre of the Eastern boundary of the rear garden. The tree is a prominent part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 1998 confirmed on 08/09/1998.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 16 of 1998 to reduce height by 2 metres, thin canopy by 15-20% raise canopy to 4 metres and remove dead wood, (and install non-invasive bracing between twin stems, if required), to one Turkey Oak (T2) in rear garden.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large, tall mature Turkey Oak growing in the rear garden. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2.5 metres, where it then divides into two tightly forked stems that are both upright and persist to within 5 to 6 metres of the top. The tree was previously reduced at 11 metres due to concerns regarding the union of the two stems. This has resulted in clusters of long slender poles mostly to the upper crown. The first laterals emerge from 6 metres. The main crown is dense and widespread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 5 to 6 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres. 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:27/03/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 27.03.2025