Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/11/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1093/25**
Address	**42 First Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NP**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/09/25

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 located near the southwest corner of the front garden close to the boundary wall. 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 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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 44 of 2003 confirmed on 02/03/2004.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 2003 to radial and height reduction up to 3m, crown thinning by 15% and crown lift up to 3.5m to one Beech (T1).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium to large mature growing in the front garden, adjacent to the footpath of First Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Beech tree T1 has a single stem to 2.5 metres, where it then divides into 5 to 6 large scaffold stems. The scaffold stems mostly persist, and support many long slender slightly over extended laterals. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over low laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and 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: 06/11/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 06/11/2025