Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0878/25**
Address	**8 Kinfauns Drive Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.98 of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres one Cider Gum tree T1 of group G6.**

Date of site visit: 09/09/25

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 Eucalyptus tree in the front garden of 8 Kinfauns Drive. 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 one Cider Gum tree T1 of group G6.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation received from a nearby neighbour suggesting more extensive works should be carried out, raising no objection.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 98 of 2001 confirmed on 18/02/2002.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 98 of 2001 to fell one Cider Gum (Eucalyptus) and one Lime (Group G6). Refused.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 98 of 2001 to fell one Lime tree, and to reduce by thinning entire canopy by 1.0m - 1.5m, prune to source 1 limb over porch, prune to source 1 limb over footpath and remove dead wood over 25mm diameter on one Eucalyptus (Group G6)

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 98 of 2001 to fell and remove one Cider Gum (Eucalyptus) tree of Group G6.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Eucalyptus Gunnii growing in the front garden adjacent to the retaining wall and pavement of Kinfuans Drive. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single slightly curved stem that extends to 4 metres, before it then divides into two main central stems and one significant sized lateral toward the east that achieves an equal height in the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres one Cider Gum tree T1 of group G6. 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: 23/09/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 23.09.2025