

Application Number	AWDM/0280/26
Address	Verge between 106 Warren Road and 15 Hillside Avenue
Proposal	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread 1 to 1.5 metres, 1.5 metres on the longest most protruding limbs Maple tree T2 of group G1 and to reduce crown height up to 1 metre and reduce radial spread up 0.5 -1 metre, back to boundary, Holly tree T1 of G1.

Date of site visit: 20/04/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two medium sized mature trees of group G1: a Maple T2 and one Holly T1, growing directly adjacent to the rear garden of 15 Hillside Avenue on a verge to the east side of the bridleway that leads onto the Downs and South Downs National Park from the north side of Warren Road between No.s 100 and 106 Warren Road. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Maple tree T2 of group G1 and to reduce crown height and to reduce radial spread to the boundary/fence line of the rear garden Holly T2 of group G1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: Four representations received from nearby neighbours, none making any comments in support, but all stating “no objections”.

Relevant Planning History

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 49 of 2001 confirmed on 03/09/2001.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49/2001 for crown reduction of one Holly by up to 4 metres and crown thin by 15% and clean out crown of one Field Maple (G1) rear of 15 Hillside Avenue.

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49/2001 to reduce the height of Holly to previously reduced point (Group G1) and to fell 2 diseased Wych Elms (Group 2) ****Split Decision-Approved with Conditions** **Split Decision-REFUSED****
Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49/2001 to crown reduce by approximately 3 metres, one Field Maple (part of Group G1).

- 2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49 of 2001 to crown thin by 15-20%, reduce extreme branches by 1 metre and remove dead wood from one Field Maple (G1) in adjacent bridleway.
- 2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49 of 2001 to pollard one Holly tree back to the tree trunk (Part of Group G1 with the Field Maple); trunk to be cut down to a height of 1.5 to 2 metres; and to carry out regular maintenance to keep the tree at around 3.5 metres in height. Refused.
- 2012: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation order No. 49 of 2001 to remove epicormic growth up to 4.5 metres from ground level one Field Maple (T2- part of G1); and to reduce height to 9 metres (approximately 1 metre reduction) and reduce spread to west to 3 metres approx (up to 2 metres reduction), reduce spread to south to 2.5m approx (up to 0.5 metre reduction), reduce spread to north to 2.5 metres approx (up to 0.5 metre reduction) to retain a natural conical shape to one Holly (T1, part of G1).
- 2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49 of 2001 to reduce limbs to fence line and reduce crown height by up to 1 metre one Holly tree; reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Maple tree both of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two medium sized matures growing in the public bridleway leading to the South Downs National Park and from Warren Road, to the south. The two trees, as both a small group of trees and as individual trees, are a prominent, established feature of the area, having high public amenity value.

The trees are:

Holly T1 of group G1

This tree is the further south of the two trees and closest to the rear garden fencing of 15 Hillside Avenue. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 3 metres, where it then becomes twin, with each dividing again at 4 to 5 metres. The first significant laterals emerge from 3 metres, with mostly smaller diameter branches to the east side. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height up to 1 metre and reduce radial spread up 0.5 -1 metre, back to boundary. The works are to contain the size of the tree crown, and allow access within the rear garden.

Maple T2 of group G1

The Maple tree T2 of group G1, is a larger taller tree. The tree has a leaning single stem that divides into two from 2 metres, with each stem continuing to angle outward to the south and southeast. The two secondary stems divide at 7 to 8 metres, and have some re-balancing branches to the eastern side. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread 1 to 1.5 metres, 1.5 metres on the longest most protruding limbs. These 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 trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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 description 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: 29/05/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 29/05/2026