

**Application Number**                      **AWDM/0497/26**

**Address**                                      **42 Chesswood Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2AD**

**Proposal**                                      **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49 of 1995 to fell and replace two Holm Oak trees T1 and T2 of group G2.**

**Date of site visit:** 29/04/26

**Neighbours checked:** Y

**Additional neighbour notifications:** N

**Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area):** Y

### **Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to two large tall mature Holm Oak trees in the front garden of the property. 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 fell and replace both trees.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, and amenity value.

**Consultations:**        None.

**Representations:**    None received.

### **Relevant Planning History**

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 49 of 1995 confirmed on 30/11/95.

1997: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49/ 1995 to crown lift one Holm Oak (part of Group G2) to five metres above the highway (Ladydell Road) by the removal of the lower branches back to the bole on the eastern side of the tree - 42 Chesswood Road

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49/1995 to remove low branches and clean out the crown of 1 Common Lime (part of Group G1) and to carry out selective remedial crown spread and height reduction and crown lifting to four Holm Oak and two Sycamore (Group G2).

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.49 of 1995 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 3 metres on three Holm Oak trees of group G2, and to fell and replace one Holm Oak tree of group G2.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 49 of 1995 to fell one Holm Oak in group G2 in the garden of 42 Chesswood Road facing Ladydell Road and replace with new specimen.

## Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Holm Oaks that have both been dead for two or more seasons. The trees are located on the Northern and Eastern boundaries of the front garden. The trees are part of a group that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

### Holm Oak T1

This tree is located against a low wall on the northern boundary adjacent to the road and footpath of Chesswood Road. The tree is twin stemmed from ground level, with both stems leaning to the east. The main crown breaks from 3 to 4 metres and has several spires, making it unbalanced and higher to the north side. The main crown is defoliated, as the tree has been dead for two or more years.

### Holm Oak T2

The Holm tree T3 is in the front garden, to the east of the main building adjacent to Ladydell Road, and the fencing between front and rear gardens. The tree has a single straight main stem that is clear to 8 metres. The crown breaks at 8 metres with 4 to 5 upright main stems. The main crown is mostly narrow and compact, with few wider spreading limbs, and again completely without foliage.

The proposed works are to fell and replace both dead trees.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of replacement trees.

## Recommendation

### APPROVE

#### Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed felling of the two Holm Oak trees of group G2, identified on the applicants plan as T1, and T2 and their replacements shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, any of the replacement trees die or become seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

**Reason:** *In the interest of visual amenity.*

#### Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 12/06/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 12/06/2026