

Application Number **AWDM/0286/26**

Address **2 Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BP**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1991 to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, 3 Laburnum, and 2 Hawthorn of group G1 and to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, and remove damaged limb one Holly tree T1 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a linear group of trees on the southern boundary of the front garden of 2 Furze Road. The group originally consisted of three Laburnum, but is now predominantly Holly and Hawthorn. The trees, as part of a group, 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 Laburnum, and 2 Hawthorn of group G1 and to reduce crown height and remove damaged limb Holly tree T1 of group G1.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1991 confirmed on 07/05/1991.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a medium to large mature Holly, T1 of group G1, growing to the western end of the group adjacent to the vehicular access from Furze Road, and a group of what was originally five other trees: three Laburnum and two Hawthorn. The group also has several other Holly trees and various self seeded trees and shrubs of varying height. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Holly T1 of group G1

This tree is the oldest of several Holly and the only protected Holly within group G1. The tree has a large diameter main stem from ground level that divides from 4 metres and has a taller ascending limb that emerges from 2 metres and is defoliated. The main crown is mostly at a similar level to the other trees of the group with the dead limb protruding higher.

The proposed works are to remove damaged limb, and to reduce the remaining crown height by up to 1 metre. The works are to contain the size of the tree in line with the rest of the group and for safety.

Hawthorn and Laburnum of group G1

These trees form the central and eastern side of the group with the Laburnum being somewhat suppressed. The more prominent Hawthorn trees are dense and wide spread with compound stems that begin to separate from 4 metres.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre, to contain the size of the trees and to allow more light to pass over 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 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: 18/05/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 20.05.2026