Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/12/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1304/26**
Address	**Millefleur Mill Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3DE**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1991 to reduce radial spread to South by up to 2 metres, one Holm Oak tree T5.**

Date of site visit: 02/01/26

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 Holm Oak tree, located in the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to South Holm Oak T5.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to SDNP - The Development Manager, who stated - No Comment.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 1991 confirmed on 23/05/91.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1991 to crown lift to 3 metres above car parking area and road one Holm Oak (T5); crown reduction and crown lift to reduce branches over roof of 'Revelstone' to Beech tree (T3); and crown lift to 6 metres one Holm Oak (T2).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1991 to crown lift up to 3 metres one Holm Oak tree (T5) and to reduce branches to give up to 2 metres clearance to building on one Beech tree (T3).

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 1991 to crown lift up to 3.5 metres one Beech tree (T3) and one Holm Oak tree (T2).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1991 to reduce radial spread and crown height by up to 3 metres, on one Holm Oak tree T5.

2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1991 to reduce radial spread to north by up to 2 metres Holm Oak T5, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres Beech T3 and Holm Oak T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Holm Oak growing in the Northwest corner of the front garden of Millefleur close to the boundary with Revelstone. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The Holm Oak tree T5 is twin stemmed from ground level, with both stems dividing into a wide array of long secondary limbs and stems from 2 to 2.5 metres, and dense foliage that emerges at 6 metres. The wider and taller parts of the crown are formed from secondary limbs. Both main stems have some damage with clearly visible areas of decay. These have all calloused over providing strong re-growth, near the base. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to South by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree crown, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown by reducing the lower hanging perimeter tertiary branches.

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: 15/12/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 16.12.2025