Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 27/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1276/25**
Address	**23 Fourth Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, to previous points, one Deodar tree T32.**

Date of site visit: 27/11/25

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 Deodar tree located in the front garden of the property. The tree is prominent to 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 to previous points, one Deodar tree T32.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2003 confirmed on 22/01/2004.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to raise canopy to 4.5 metres, remove dead wood, thin canopy by 10% and reduce longest branches by up to 1 metre on one Deodar (Cedrus deodara) (T32) in front garden; and to raise canopy (specifically to remove lowest eight branches, keeping 10" diameter southern branch), remove dead wood and reduce longest branches by up to 1 metre on one Deodar (Cedrus deodara) in rear garden.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce radial spread by up to 2m (longest branches only), crown lift up to 5m, crown thin up to 5% and remove dead wood, two Deodar trees T32 and T33.

Planning Assessment
The tree is a large mature Deodar growing to the east side of the raised front garden, adjacent to the driveway from Fourth Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 8 metres, where it divides into two: an upright stem to the north and a more angled outward stem to the southeast. The first significant limbs emerge from 6 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with a mostly flat top with some protruding stems.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points not more than1 to 2 metres. 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: 27/01/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 27/01/2026