

Application Number **AWDM/0365/26**

Address **Street Record The Cotswolds Southwick West Sussex BN11 4LY**

Proposal **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2017 to crown thin 15%, reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, and remove deadwood one Whitebeam tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 06/05/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small immature Whitebeam located near the centre of the northern boundary of the Cleave, in a grass verge adjacent to the road of The Cotswolds. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown thin, reduce radial spread, and remove deadwood. The application has been amended to reduce the extent of crown thinning from 30% initially proposed, to 15%.

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

1976: The Southwick Conservation Area was first designated in June 1976 and included three distinct and separate areas 'The Green and Church Lane' area covered all buildings surrounding The Green and including the buildings on the corners of Cross Road, Roman Crescent, Southdown Road, Southwick Square, The Twitten, Watling Road, Victoria Road/Park Lane, Albert Road and Oldfield Crescent, together with all the buildings within Waterdyke Avenue.

2017: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 2017 confirmed on 18/09/2017.

2018: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2017 to reduce and re-shape crown by 1-1.5m (15%). Remove or cut back low branches to give a 3m clearance from ground level to one Whitebeam (T1).

2021: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2017 to crown lift up to 2 metres, one Whitebeam tree T2.

2026: Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2017 to crown thin by up to 15% Acer tree T3, and crown lift up to 3 metres one Whitebeam T4.

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Laburnum tree in the Southwick Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The Whitebeam T1 is a small immature growing near the front garden of Cleave, in the cul-de-sac of The Cotswolds, off of the Green Southwick and to the west of the Southwick Conservation Area. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2.25 metres, where it then divides into a tight array of smaller stems that are mostly upright and support the wider spreading and lower hanging secondary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some deadwood present.

The proposed works are to crown thin 15%, reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, and remove deadwood, including some central stems.

The works are to allow more light and air to pass through the crown, and to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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: 22/05/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 22.05.2026