Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0826/25**
Address	**1 Acre Gardens Boundary Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4LN**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 2005 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, crown thin 10% and remove epicormic growth, two Lime trees of group G2.**

Date of site visit: 09/09/25

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two Lime trees of group G2, growing in the rear garden of 1 Acre Gardens. The trees are visible as a backdrop to the houses of Acre Gardens, when viewed from Boundary Road. The trees can be seen more clearly from Boundary Close.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread crown lift crown thin and remove epicormic growth of both trees.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2005: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 6 of 2005 confirmed on 06/04/05.

2006: Application to crown lift nearest Holm Oak in front garden and dead wood, and to crown thin by 10 - 15% , dead wood second Holm Oak adjacent to western boundary; trim back Holly from foot path (G3) and to crown thin by 20% and dead wood nearest Lime Tree in rear garden (G2)

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2005 to crown lift to 5 metres, reduce towards adjoining property by up to 1 metre, crown thin by 10% and remove epicormic growth to two Lime Trees (G2).

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2005 to reduce overhang of one Holly tree (part of Group G3) on its western side over the boundary with No. 36 Boundary Road.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2005 to fell one Holm Oak tree (Part of Group G3) in front garden.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 5 of 2006 to fell one Holm Oak tree in front garden leaning over building and to replant with a Holly tree (unimplemented consent under application AWDM/0608/11 dated 14.10.2011 refers); and to raise the crown to 5 metres over the highway and to 3 metres on remainder of crown of second Holm Oak in front garden, adjacent to front boundary (part of Group G3).

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 2005 to crown lift to 5 metres, thin by up to 10% reduce radial spread to clear buildings by up to 2 metres, and remove lowest limbs over car parking area on two Limes trees of Group G2

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 2005 to raise canopies by 5m, thin canopies by 10% and reduce radial spread by up to 2m to two Lime trees of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large tall Lime trees growing in the rear garden of 1 Acre Gardens. The trees are visible above the buildings from Boundary Road and clearly from the secluded cul-de-sac of Boundary Close.

The two Lime trees of group G2 are both single stemmed to 2 metres, where they then split into multiple slender stems. The trees are tall, with relatively thin scaffold stems and limbs for their height and spread. The combined main crowns are dense, with some lower epicormic growth, and some wider spread over extended lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 5 metres, crown thin 10% and remove epicormic growth. The works are to contain the spread of the trees, abate possible future nuisance, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crowns.

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: 22/09/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 22.09.2025