

Application Number **AWDM/0478/26**

Address **Fairmead Honeysuckle Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BT**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1991 to reduce radial spread to west by up to 2 to 3 metres, one English Oak tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 01/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature English Oak located near the Northeast of the front garden close to the road of Honeysuckle Lane. 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 reduce radial spread to west, one English Oak tree T1.

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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1991 confirmed on 28/05/1991.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1, 1991 (Revised) to remove dead branches, crown thin by 35% and reduce crown spread towards the property by 75% to one English Oak tree (T1) Split Decision REFUSED : reduction in spread towards the property 75% and thinning 35%.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1, 1991 (Revised) to reduce crown spread by 1 metre and height by 1-2 metres, and clean out, one English Oak at front of property.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature English Oak growing in the front garden adjacent to the Northern entrance from Honeysuckle Lane. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter staggered stem that persists to 6 metres, with two large secondary stems from 4 metres that each arch over toward the west and support wider spreading laterals. The

first limbs emerge from 7 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to the West by up to 2 to 3 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and abate possible future nuisance by allowing clearance to the main building.

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: 14/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.07.2026