

Application Number	AWDM/0002/26
Address	54 Shakespeare Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4AS
Proposal	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.72 of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, and crown lift up to 3 to 4 metres, one Turkey Oak T1.

Date of site visit: 02/06/26

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 Turkey Oak located near the northwest corner of the front garden, adjacent to the boundary wall close to the footpath of Shakespeare Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, and to crown lift.

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

1989: Shakespeare Road Conservation Area (X) designated on 25th April 1989 pursuant to section 69 of the planning (listed buildings and conservation areas) act 1990

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 72 of 2001 confirmed on 25/09/2001.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.72/2001 to crown lift to 5 metres one Turkey Oak (T1), clean out crown and remove lowest limb on south east side adjacent to building; crown lift to 2.5 metres and clean out crown of two Purple Leaf Plum (T2 and T4) and two Hawthorn (T3 and T5).

2002: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.72/2001 to crown reduce one Hawthorn (T5).

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.72/2001 to remove one diseased limb of Turkey Oak (T1).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Turkey Oak growing in the front garden close to the junction of Shakespeare Road and St Matthews Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into two: the southeast stem terminates at 4.75 metres, with some small re-growth and the northwest stem persists to 7 metres where it divides into many stems with 3 to 4 main larger upright stems that persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals that support the lower hanging tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, and crown lift up to 3 to 4 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath 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: 26/06/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 26/06/2026