Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/02/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1133/25**
Address	**8a Eastcourt Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 7DB**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.16 of 2001 to crown lift up to 4 to 4.5 metres Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 20/01/26

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 Beech tree located near the centre of the northern boundary adjacent to the footpath of Bridge Road. 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 lift Beech tree T1.

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

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 2001 confirmed on 24/04/2001.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the rear grounds of 8 / 8a Eastcourt Road, close to the junction with Bridge Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a stout single stem to 3 metres, where it divides into 2 to 3 clusters of large upright stems that persist to 9 to 10 metres before dividing again. There are large secondary limbs from 5 metres that support the lower hanging tertiary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 4 to 4.5 metres. The works are to 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: 09/02/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 09/02/2026