

Application Number	AWDM/1482/26
Address	12 Fourth Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NY
Proposal	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to crown lift up to 7 metres and crown thin 10% one Lime tree T1 of group G21..

Date of site visit: 04/02/26

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 Lime tree located near the northwest corner of the front garden, close to the low boundary wall, and adjacent to the 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 and crown thin one Lime tree T1 of group G21.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2003 confirmed on 22/01/2004.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 for crown lifting to 5m to Lime tree, of Group G21.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to crown lift up to 5m, and reduce radial spread by 1m, one Wellingtonia of Group G21.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large tall mature Lime growing in the front garden adjacent to the entrance drive from Fourth Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 2 metres where it then divides into two. The north secondary stem divides again at 3 to 4 metres, with the south stem persisting to the top of the crown. The first significant sized laterals emerge from 6 metres. The main crown is dense and mostly compact.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 7 metres and crown thin 10%. The works are to allow more light and air to pass beneath and through 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: 10/02/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 10/02/2026