Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0178/25**
Address	**2 Cherry Tree Close Worthing West Sussex BN13 3QJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to remove the three lowest limbs on East side of Beech tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/25

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 that has been incorporated into the open plan front garden / driveway of 2 Cherry Tree Close. The tree is an intrinsic and prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to remove the three lowest limbs on Eastside of Beech tree T2.

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 91 of 2001 confirmed on 18/02/2002.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 in respect of Beech tree T2 in front garden of No. 2 Cherry Tree Close, to crown raise to 5ms and Maple tree T3 in front garden of No. 5 Cherry Tree Close to crown raise to 5ms and thin canopy by 25%.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to fell and replace one Cherry tree T4.

2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.91 of 2001 to crown lift up to 6 metres and crown thin up to 10% Beech tree T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Beech growing in the front garden of 2 Cherry Tree Close, adjacent to the west side of the driveway of 5 Cherry Tree Close. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has several stems from ground level each of which are fused up to 2 to 2.5 metres where they then separate. The larger stems, some of which are twisted and meandering, form into a broadly domed, wide array. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to remove the lowest three limbs on the eastside of the tree, across the driveway of 5 Cherry Tree Close (applicants). The works are to allow access beneath the tree's 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: 26/03/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 27.03.2025