

Application Number **AWDM/0544/26**

Address **4 Broadwater Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 8AE**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 33 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1.75 to 2 metres and to crown lift up to 4 metres one Sycamore tree T2 and one Norway Maple T3.**

Date of site visit: 01/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature trees located on the northern boundary wall adjacent to the pavement of King Edward Avenue. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and, reduce radial spread and to crown lift one Sycamore tree T2 and one Norway Maple T3.

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 33 of 2001 confirmed on 11/06/2001.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 33 of 2001 to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1.75 to 2 metres and to crown lift up to 4 metres one Sycamore tree T2 and one Norway Maple T3.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two medium to large sized matures, growing on the boundary with King Edward Road, close to its junction with Broadwater Road. The trees prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Sycamore T2

This tree is located to the west of the two trees. The Sycamore has two stems from ground level that each divide at 1 to 2 metres, forming several stems with 5 to 6 main stems that are upright, central and tightly forked. These stems mostly persist to the top and support laterals from 2.25 metres. The main crown is high dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Norway Maple T3

The Norway Maple tree T3 is located further east of the two trees close to the northeast corner of the rear garden, adjacent to of King Edward Avenue, and partially intertwined with the West Sussex Street Tree in the kerb side of the pavement. The tree has a slender single stem, with a slight lean to the east, becoming arched over from 8 metres, with most of the crown to the eastern side, which is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1.75 to 2 metres and to crown lift up to 4 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow access beneath their crowns.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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 description 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: 10/07/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 10/07/2026