

**Application Number**                      **AWDM/0069/26**

**Address**                                **Glaxo Smithkline Southdownview Way Worthing West Sussex  
BN14 8QH**

**Proposal**                              **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order  
No.44 of 1995 to crown thin by up to 15% Holm Oak trees T11, T22  
and T30, and to fell and replace Holm Oak tree T12 all of group G2.**

**Date of site visit:** 26/09/25

**Neighbours checked:** Y

**Additional neighbour notifications:** N

**Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area):** Y

### **Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to four large tall mature Holm Oak trees at the eastern end of group G2. The trees are part of a 190 metres long line of trees, which run from 70 to 116 Clarendon Road. The trees are highly visible from many views over a wide area.

Consent is sought to crown thin b Holm Oak trees T11, T22 and T30, and to fell and replace Holm Oak tree T12 all of group G2.

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

**Consultations:**        None.

**Representations:**    None received.

### **Relevant Planning History**

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 44 of 1995 confirmed on 12/12/1995.

1998: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44/1995 to crown lift 3 Holm Oak (part of group G2) by 3 metres on north side and crown reduce by up to 1 metre on north side (adjacent to 116 Clarendon Road)

1999: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order no.44/1995 to crown lift 4 Holm Oak trees (part of Group G2) to three metres and to crown reduce by up to one metre on Northern side(adjacent to 114 Clarendon Road)

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44/1995 to remove 1 Quercus Ilex; prune back canopy on south side of Quercus Ilex approximately 3-4 metres; prune and make safe 1 Cupressocyparis Leylandii (Group G2)

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44/1995 to fell 4 Cupressocyparis Leylandii and replace with three Holm Oak (adjacent 116 Clarendon Road) and crown lift Holm Oaks (to the rear of Nos. 74 to 88 Clarendon Road) to 3.5m on northern side.

- 2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44/1995 to reduce height of 35 Holm Oak trees (within Group G2) to 8 metres overall and prune back on north side\*\*Split Decision\*\* Reduction in height Refused.
- 2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to crown lift to 3.5 metres north side of 33 no. Holm Oaks (within Group G2) adjacent to Nos. 70-96 Clarendon Road, and crown lift to 8 metres to Holm Oaks (within Group G2) adjacent to Nos. 114 and 116 Clarendon Road
- 2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to crown lift to 3.5 metres north side of 33 no. Holm Oaks (within Group G2) and crown lift to 8 metres to Holm Oaks (within Group G2) Permission granted with conditions.
- 2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 1995 to crown lift low growth to the south overhanging security fence and obscuring the CCTV view, reduce side growth on southern side of tree line by a maximum of 20% and dead wood - 32 Holm Oak (within group G2).
- 2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to crown lift low growth to the south over security fencing; reduce side growth on southern side of tree line by no more than 15-20%; and reduce side growth to the north over neighbouring properties to rebalance 32 No. Holm Oak (within Group G2) Permission granted with conditions.
- 2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 3 metres on 17 Holm Oak trees of group G2.
- 2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 2 to 4 metres, and crown reduce in height by up to 5 metres, 39 Holm Oak trees of group G2 \*\*Split Decision\*\* Reduction in height Refused.
- 2014: Proposed works to three Holm Oaks in group G2 under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995
- 2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 1995 to reduce radial spread on north side by up to 1.5 metres on three Holm Oak trees of group G2
- 2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to prune back branch overhang by up to 2 metres to growth point and light shape to the trees upper crowns to Holm Oaks, prune back branch overhang by up to 3 metres to grow points and lightly shape into the trees upper crowns, and Holm Oak treeline along northern boundary prune back side over car park to edge of kerb line (between 2 and 3 metres) all part of Group G2 south of 110 and 114 Clarendon Road.
- 2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to crown raise to 5 metres above ground level and remove major deadwood to 2 Holm Oak part of group G1, and crown raise to 5 metres above ground level and remove major deadwood to 1 Holm Oak T2.
- 2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 44 of 1995 to prune 3 no. stubbs, 2 no. primary branches and prune 3 no. secondary branches to achieve up to 4 metre clearance from building to one Monterey Pine; prune back canopies to achieve up to 4 metre clearance of the building to 4 No. Holm Oaks, all part of Group G2.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 1995 to prune new growth away from main building to allow clearance of up to 2 metres; prune new growth to allow clearance to fence line of up to 2.5 to 3 metres and to crown lift by up to 3 metres to clear garden of 116 Clarendon Road, three Holm Oak trees T1, T2 and T3 of group G2.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 1995 to reduce radial spread to North by up to 2 to 2.5 metres (to previous points) and shape upper crowns without reduction of overall height 7 Holm Oak trees of group G2.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.44 of 1995 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 2.5 metres on Northern side four Holm Oak trees T1 to T4 of group G2.

## **Planning Assessment**

The trees are of varying size but generally the row has an average height of around 16 – 18 metres, and grows in a small belt of land between garden fences of 78 to 90 Clarendon Road and the security fencing for the Glaxo Smith Kline complex.

The trees are all multistemmed from ground level, with foliage from 1 to 2 metres and crowns that are combined, dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown thin by up to 15% Holm Oak trees T11, T22 and T30, and to fell and replace Holm Oak tree T12 all of group G2. The works to the Holm Oak trees T11, T22 and T30 are to reduce weight in the crown and reduce sail effect of the trees due to presence of Ganoderma at their bases. The works to the Holm Oak tree T12 are to fell and replace, as the tree appears to have died several seasons ago.

The works to the Holm Oak trees T11, T22 and T30, 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. The works to the Holm Oak T12 will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

## **Recommendation**

### **APPROVE**

#### **Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:**

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works to the Holm Oak trees T11, T22 and T30 , 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.*

3. The proposed felling of the Holm Oak tree of group G2 identified on the applicants plan as T12, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** *In the interest of visual amenity.*

4. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

**Reason:** *In the interest of visual amenity.*

**Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?**

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 09/03/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 10/03/2026