

Application Number **AWDM/0100/26**

Address **28 Parkfield Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 1EL**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 to crown lift up to 8 metres one Ash tree of group G6 and reduce to allow clearance to building of up to 3 metres one Lawson Cypress tree of group G6.**

Date of site visit: 04/03/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to 2 large mature trees of the linear group G6, that extends along the western boundary between 28 Parkfield Road and the block of flats St Andrews Gardens. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift up to 8 metres one Ash tree of group G6 and reduce to allow clearance to building of up to 3 metres one Lawson Cypress tree of group G6

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation was received from a nearby neighbour in support of the works and suggesting that works should also be carried out to other trees that are part of the same TPO. As the Local Planning Authority, Worthing Borough Council can only consider works that have been applied for and cannot add works to other trees. The representation also mentions that the original application included works to Conifers of group G6, which was confirmed to be Leyland Cypress trees of which only one is covered by Worthing Tree Preservation Order number 8 of 2004.

Relevant Planning History

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 8 of 2004 confirmed on 10/01/2005.

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.8 of 2004 for the felling of one English Oak (T20).

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2004 to reduce crown height by approximately 4 metres of all trees in Group G6. Refused.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No8 of 2004 to reduce radial spread by to 1 metre one Oak tree T20, and to remove dead wood from one Ash tree of group G6.

Planning Assessment

The trees are both large tall matures growing in the front garden adjacent to the the grounds of the next door flats. The trees are part of a group that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Ash tree of group G6

The Ash tree is the largest and furthest north of group G6, growing across the parking area, and amenity/bin store of the neighbouring flats. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 5 metres, where it then divides into several large wide spreading stems that support many low hanging branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 8 metres. The works are to allow access and to allow more light and air to pass beneath the crown.

Lawson Cypress tree of group G6

This tree is located further south past the entrance gates to 28 Parkfield Road, adjacent to a lawn area of St Andrew's Gardens. The tree has a single stem that persists to within 1 to 2 metres of the top, with a tightly forked secondary stem that emerges from 2.5 metres and achieves an equal height in the crown. The first significant laterals emerge from 6 to 7 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce spread to the west, to allow a clearance to building of up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance, and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

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 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: 17/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 17.03.2026