

Application Number **AWDM/0667/26**

Address **14 Shaftesbury Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN12 4EQ**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.22 of 2001 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres Ash tree T2.**

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 a large mature Ash tree located near the centre of the Southern side of the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary fence. The tree is part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shaftesbury Avenue Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Ash tree T2

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

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: The property is included within the Shaftesbury Avenue Conservation Area XIX designated by the Council on 29th April 1997

2001: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 22 of 2001 confirmed on 02/04/2001.

2001: Application to crown lift lower branches and crown thin by the removal of secondary branches and any dead wood, one Ash (T2)

2003: Application to crown lift to 4 metres including large scaffold limb over boundary with No.12 Shaftesbury Avenue to one Ash tree (T2)

2008: Application to reduce lower crown to north by 3 metres, reduce crown to east by 2 metres, lift crown by 1 metre and lightly thin remainder to one Ash tree (T2) in rear garden.

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.22 of 2001 to crown reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, reduce crown height by up to 1 metre on one Holly tree T1, and to crown reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, reduce crown height by up to 2 metres on one Ash tree T2

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.22 of 2001 to shape, thin and remove lower overhanging branches of one Holly tree (T1).

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 22 of 2001 to reduce radial spread by up to 3m and reduce crown height by up to 3m of Ash tree T2

Planning Assessment

The Ash tree T2 is a large tree up to 15 metres tall, with a wide crown that has a distinct ball shape. The tree is not prominent from the street but can be seen and provides a backdrop to the predominantly white buildings of the Shaftsbury Avenue Conservation Area. The tree is single stemmed to 2 metres where it begins to divide with included bark, becoming completely separate twin stems from 3 metres. The southern stem extends to 6 metres, the north to 8 metres, with both stems being mostly clear to 6 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree 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 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: 29/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 29.07.2026