

Application Number **AWDM/0073/26**

Address **Rutland Gate Beccles Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4AJ**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2002 to reduce to allow clearance to Streetlamp of up 1 metre two Western Red Cedar trees of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 16/02/26

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 Western Red Cedar located near the centre of the Eastern boundary wall adjacent to the footpath of Beccles Road. 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 reduce to allow clearance to Streetlamp.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2002: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2002 confirmed on 17/12/2002.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Western Red Cedars growing in the front garden of the property adjacent to the boundary with Beccles Road. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Western Red Cedar T1 of G1

This tree has a single stem to 4.5 metres where it divides into several smaller stems. The first branches emerge from 3 metres and the tree is located directly west of the Street Lamp. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Western Red Cedar T2 of G1

The Western Red Cedar tree T2 of G1 is located slightly north of the Street Lamp and has fewer limbs that are obscuring the light. The tree is taller than T1 and has a large diameter single stem that persists to 8 metres, with a secondary stem at 6 metres that forms a separate spire. At 8 metres the main stem divides into several smaller stems. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce to allow a clearance of up to 1 metre to the Street Lamp, so as to improve the effectiveness of the light.

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

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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: 13/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 13.03.2026