

Application Number	AWDM/0195/26
Address	15 Seamill Park Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN11 2PU
Proposal	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.21 of 2007 to reduce crown height and radial spread 1 metre, and reduce selected eastern limb 2 metres, one Silver Birch tree T1.

Date of site visit: 25/03/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium mature Silver Birch tree located near the Southwest corner of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, and reduce selected eastern limb.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2007: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 21 of 2007 confirmed on 30/01/2008.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized mature Silver Birch growing in the rear garden adjacent to the mixed brick boundary wall that runs from the Brighton Road (A27), to north of Seamill Park Crescent. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has a single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into several, with additional spires at the end of limbs that emerge from 1.8 and 2 metres on the Southeast side. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread 1 metre, and reduce one selected eastern limb by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, shape the crown 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: 01/04/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 01/04/2026