

Application Number **AWDM/1456/25**

Address **11 Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BP**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 1971 to fell and replace one Monterey Cypress tree T1 of group G7.**

Date of site visit: 09/12/25

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 Monterey Cypress located near the north east of the front garden, adjacent to the gated entrance from Mill Lane. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Monterey Cypress tree T1 of group G7.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: Two representations received from nearby neighbours, one in support, the other objecting unless the works are for “compelling” reasons.

Relevant Planning History

1971: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 6 of 1971 confirmed on 08/02/1972.

2003: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6/1971 to remove limb (low) over swimming pool and crown lift to 5 metres Horse Chestnut (within G6) (closest to house); Crown lift to 6 metres Horse Chestnut (within G6) (towards south eastern corner of garden); Clean out and minor reshape of crown by reduction of wayward limbs by 0.5 to 1 metre Monterey Cypress (north eastern corner of site) (G7).

2006: Application for consent under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 1971 to reduce branches on eastern side of 2 Beech, 1 Horse Chestnut overhanging boundary with The Haven, Mill Lane at Down House, 11 Furze Road

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 1971 to fell Horse Chestnut (G6) in rear garden nearest to dwelling.

2011: Application for consent under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 1971 to fell one Monterey Cypress tree in north-eastern part of site. Refused. Appeal Dismissed.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 1971 to crown lift to 8m and reduce crown by 2m of 1no.Horse Chestnut within group G5.

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 1971 to crown lift to 10m and reduce crown by 3m of 1no. Monterey Cypress within group G7.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large tall mature Monterey Cypress growing in the front garden, where it is visible from surrounding access roadways and properties. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 6 metres, where it begins to divide. The secondary stems are upright and mostly persist to the top, each supporting large laterals that emerge from 10 to 11 metres. There is some damage in the lower crown, including dead/broken hanging laterals, and a split in one of the smaller uprights. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some overextended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, based on concerns that there has been movement of the root plate. Upon inspection there is evidence that the tarmac to the south of the tree has been lifted, and when viewed from the east, in addition to the visible lean of the main stem the branches on the northside are all at a distinct angle, from where stems have arched outward and naturally corrected to upright. This does suggest that there is movement in the tree that was not observed at the time of the previous application in 2019 or when an application to fell the tree was made in 2011.

These works in my opinion 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 felling of the Monterey Cypress trees T1 of group G7 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.*

3. 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: 23/02/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 23.02.2026