Development Management – Delegated Officer Report 21/09/2026

Application Number AWDM/0886/26

Address 10 Valley Gardens Worthing West Sussex BN14 0JJ

Proposal Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.27 of 2001 T8 - Beech - Reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 5 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres and crown thin by a maximum of 35%

Date of site visit: 07/09/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The subject tree 1x Beech is located within the rear residential garden of number 10 Valley Gardens; the tree sits beyond the path and is on the boundary of the properties located on the Heights. The tree forms part of a linear group of trees along this boundary, all of the trees in this group display evidence of previous tree works The subject tree displays clear evidence of previous tree works, by way of previous crown reduction works, this is further evidenced by the planning history of the site detailed below.. As such this application can be considered a repeat operation of one that has previously been permitted. The works are in line with current arboricultural good practice.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None

Relevant Planning History

There have been five applications to prune the subject tree since 2004, all of which have been approved – most of these applications involve crown reduction or crown lifting works alongside branch removal/reduction works – this is a repeat operation.

Planning Assessment

Recommendation: APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. The works hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998:1989 or any equivalent standard.

Reason: To protect the special amenity value of the tree(s).

The tree work to which this consent relates shall be completed within two years of the date of this consent.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to review the need for the works in the event of this consent not being implemented.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? No

Case Officer:	CP	Date: 21/09/2026
Authorised by:	LPrew	Date: 28/09/2026