

Application Number **AWDM/0098/26**

Address **49 Offington Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 9RG**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.10 of 1987 to prune to allow clearance to property of up to 2 metres one Pine tree T1.**

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 a large mature Corsican Pine T1 located between the main buildings of 49 and 47 Offington Lane. The tree is part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to to prune to allow clearance to property Pine tree T1.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of abating nuisance and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2004: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 2004 confirmed on 07/04/2004.

2007: Application to thin canopy by 15% and raise canopy to 3 metres of Lime (T4) and trim back lower branches of Sycamore (T2). Granted conditional consent 16/04/13.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2004 to give 1 metre clearance to roof by reducing crown and to clear dead and crossing branches of one Pine tree T3, to crown lift up to 5 metres crown thin up to 10% and to clear dead and crossing branches of one Acer tree T2 and to crown lift up to 5 metres crown thin by up to 15%, reduce crown to north by up to 1 metre, give 2 metre clearance to roof by reducing crown and to clear dead and crossing branches of one Lime tree T1.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2004 to reduce two overhanging branches on south-east side by up to 3m to obtain a minimum of 1.5m clearance of the roof of No.47 Offington Lane one Corsican Pine tree (T1).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2004 to crown lift up to 5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres on 3 Norway Maples 1 Holly and 1 Sycamore all of group G1.

- 2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.10 of 1987 to remove lateral on east side, overhanging highway on one American Oak tree within Area A1.
- 2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2004 to crown lift up to 6 metres and remove dead wood Pine Tree T1 and to reduce to clear of building by up to 2 metres, crown thin up to 20% and crown lift up to 5 metres of 1 Lime Tree T4.
- 2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2004 to crown lift up to 7 metres and prune to allow clearance to roof of up to 2 metres one Lime tree T4, and to fell and replace one Norway Maple tree T3.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Pine growing in the rear garden between 47 and 49 Offington Avenue. The tree is mostly visible from Offington Lane and in conjunction with the other trees of TPO No.1 of 2004 and the Street trees, contribute positively to the character of the area,

Corsican Pine tree T1

The tree has a large diameter single stem that is clear to 6 metres and persists to within 3 metres of the top of the broad slightly flattened crown. There are lateral limbs and some significant sized secondary ascending limbs that emerge from 6 metres. The main crown is dense with some wide spread laterals that are close to the main building and adjacent to number 47 Offington Lane.

The proposed works are to prune to allow clearance to properties of up to 2 metres. The works are to abate possible future nuisance.

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: 16/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 17.03.2026