

Application Number **AWDM/1519/25**

Address **Charlwood Lodge 24 Lansdowne Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4NF**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 2003 to reduce radial spread to West and Southwest by up to 1 metre, Corsican Pine T6.**

Date of site visit: 17/02/26

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 in the frontage of Charlwood Lodge 24 Lansdowne Road. The tree is part of an established group of trees, which 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 radial spread to West and Southwest Corsican Pine T6.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1977: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13 of 1977 confirmed on 24/01/1978.

2001: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1977 to crown lift to 3.5 metres one Horse Chestnut tree (T1). Removal of lower branches of Monterey Cypress (G1) and Corsican Pine (G1).

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 7 of 2003 confirmed on 29/04/2003.

2003: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 7 of 2003 to fell one Horse Chestnut (T5); removal of branch over the flat roof back to the scaffold limb and remove lowest limb on west side, remove limb on garage of adjoining Winton Court of Monterey Pine within group G1.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13/1977 to trim back branches nearest adjacent property by up to 1 metre to one Cupressus Macrocarpa (within Group G 1)

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 2003 to reduce longest branches extending toward building on the upper north section of crown by up to 1-1.5 metres, on one Pine tree T6.

- 2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1977 to reduce radial spread by up to 1-2 metres, crown lift up to 4.5 metres and crown thin by up to 10% one Holm Oak tree of group G2.
- 2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1977 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres on west side (to a height of 5 metres) reduce radial spread on higher crown by up to 1 metre on one Holm Oak tree T1 of group G2.
- 2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 7 of 2003 to reduce radial crown spread to east by 2.5m by pruning back to growth points one Monterey Pine of group G1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a mature growing within a group of trees, providing a tall focus for the neighbouring Holm tree of Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 1977. The tree is part of a small cluster of trees on the west boundary of the frontage of Charlwood Lodge adjacent to the driveway.

The tree is single stemmed to 15 metres, where the relatively small crown emerges, continuing to around 17 metres tall. The first limbs emerge from 8 metres, some of which are pendulous and low hanging, with more horizontal laterals higher in the crown. The main crown is moderately dense and mostly compact with some slightly wider reaching laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to West and Southwest by up to 1 metre. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, and re-shape 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: 10/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 11.03.2026