Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 17/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0807/25**
Address	**316 Tarring Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 5BL**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.54 of 1997 to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 4.5 metres, one Horse Chestnut tree T1 of area A2.**

Date of site visit: 04/09/25

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 Horse Chestnut tree close to the southwest corner of the main building of 316 Tarring Road. 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 reduce radial spread and crown lift one Horse Chestnut tree T1 of area A2.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1987: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 13 of 1987 confirmed on 16/02/1988.

2005: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13/1987 and No. 54/1997 to crown lift to 6 metres on northern side and clean out; 8 Sycamore and 3 Horse Chestnut trees (under TPO 54/1997) and 9 Horse Chestnut and 3 Sycamore (under TPO 13/1987)

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.13 of 1987 to reduce height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread up to 2 metres on 3 Horse Chestnut trees and one Sycamore tree, and to fell and replace 9 Horse Chestnut trees all of Area A1.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1987 to reduce crown height by up to 4 metres, reduce spread toward road (south) by up to 2 metres and towards building (north) by up to 1.5 metres Horse Chestnut tree T1; to remove deadwood from Sycamore tree T2 both of area A1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Horse Chestnut growing in the front grounds on raised land north of the carriage way of Tarring Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has two main stems from near ground level with a smaller greatly reduced central stem. The east and west stems mostly persist to 8 metres where they begin to divide into several smaller stems. The first main laterals on both boles emerge from 3 metres and are wide spread. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals to the south.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres, and crown lift up to 4.5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance, and allow access and more light and air to pass beneath 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: 17/09/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 17/9/25