

Application Number **AWDM/0484/26**

Address **Worthing Hospital Lyndhurst Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2DH**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1992 to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, Ash tree T8, and to remove basal growth and clear epicormic growth up to 4 metres Lime tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 06/05/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature trees: a Lime on the western side within the staff car parking area, and an Ash tree located in an open space to the North of the site. The trees are a part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread Ash tree T8, and to remove basal growth and clear epicormic growth up to 4 metres Lime tree T1.

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

1992: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 1992 confirmed on 26/11/1992.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 12 of 1992 to fell one Leyland Cypress (T7)

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order. No. 12 of 1992 to re-pollard six London Plane on east and west sides of the access road off Lyndhurst Road (T14, T15, T16, T17, T18 and T19).

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 1992 to fell two trees: one Sycamore of group G5 and one Silver Birch T7, to reduce in height and spread by up to 2 metres one Sycamore of group G5 to Lift up to 3 metres and reduce crown spread on North side 3 trees: T5 Lime T3 Horse Chestnut and one Lime tree of group G1, and to reduce crown to give 2 metres clearance of building one Sycamore tree T25.

- 2013: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 5 metres and reduce crown to give 2 metres clearance of building one Macrocarpa tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.
- 2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1992 reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 6 to 7 metres (Pollard) one Ash tree T10.
- 2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1992 to re-pollard to last points 5 Plane trees T14 to T18, deadwood and reduce height and radial spread 2 metres on one Ash tree T20, crown lift up to 3 metres one Yew tree, reduce to clear building Sycamore both of G5, to remove deadwood epicormic and basal growth from Lime T1 Cypress T29 Holm Oak of G5, and to fell and replace one Silver Birch tree T11.
- 2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1992 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres and crown lift up to 5.2 metres one Monterey Cypress tree T29.
- 2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1992 to re-pollard to last points London Plane trees T14 to T19.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large matures, in the Northwest part of the Hospital grounds. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Lime T1

The Lime tree T1 is on the western side of the site close to its access from Park Road. The tree is adjacent to a roadway between two main car parks. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 6 metres where it then divides into several stems with a reduced diameter central stem that continues to 9 metres before dividing. The main crown is dense and wide spread, with branches and foliage from ground level

The proposed works are to remove basal growth and clear epicormic growth up to 4 metres. The works are to effectively lift the crown to allow pedestrian and vehicular access beneath the tree.

Ash T8

This tree is located on the southern boundary of the grounds, adjacent to a public footpath within the neighbouring Homefield Park. The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2.25 metres where it then divides into two. The southwest stem divides again from 3.25 metres, with the northeast stem persisting to 8 metres. The first significant sized limbs emerge from 5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 05/06/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 05/06/2026