

Application Number **AWDM/0149/26**

Address **St Peters Church Furze Road Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BP**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 1978 to crown lift up to 5 metres one Cypress tree T1 of group G10.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/26

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 Cypress tree located near the centre of the northern boundary adjacent to the entrance footpath of the church and the pavement of Furze Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to crown lift the tree.

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

1978: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 1978 confirmed on 31/08/1979.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Cypress that is part of group G10 which is located in the front grounds on a steeply banked border between the pavement of Furze Road, and the sloped and stepped entrances to St Peter's Church. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres that persists to within 2 metres of the top. The first limbs emerge from 4 metres, with some being low hanging over the pavement and the entrance pathways. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5 metres, to allow clearance to the walkways and allow 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: 27/03/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 30.03.2026