

Application Number **AWDM/0554/26**

Address **9 Fontwell Close Worthing West Sussex BN14 0AD**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 2009 to crown lift up to 2 metres over public pavement and up to 5 metres over carriageway (Hurstons Close) one Yew tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 07/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized mature Yew located near the north boundary wall adjacent to Hurstons Close. 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, to West Sussex County Council Highways standard, over the pavement and carriage way of Hurstons Close.

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

2009: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 9 of 2009 confirmed on 21/09/2009.

2012: Application for consent under the Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2009 for a light reduction of the crown, to a maximum of 0.5 metre and raise crown on west side by 0.5 metre on one Yew tree (T1) on rear boundary of property adjacent to Hurstons Close

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small to medium sized mature Yew growing in the sloped rear garden adjacent to the north boundary fence. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a compound stem that begins to separate from 4 metres, where it divides into several smaller stems and laterals, with two main tightly forked upright slender stems that each persist to the top. The first laterals emerge from 2 metres and support some lower hanging tertiary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 2 metres over the public pavement and up to 5 metres over the carriageway of Hurstons Close. The works are the standard for allowing access and clearance.

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: 24/07/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 27/07/2026