

Application Number **AWDM/1525/25**

Address **5 Gorse Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9PG**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 1997 to crown lift up to 5.5 metres, remove two lowest limbs to East and West, and clear crown, one Tulip tree T1.**

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 tall mature Tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) located near the centre of the eastern boundary of the front garden. 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 and to remove two lowest limbs to East and West, and clear crown.

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

1997: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 1997 confirmed on 11/08/1997.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a very large mature Tulip tree growing in the front garden adjacent to the driveway from Gorse Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter gnarled single stem to 3 metres, where it then divides into several, with a main central stem that persists to 14 metres before also dividing. The first large laterals emerge from 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 5.5 metres, remove two lowest limbs to East and West, and to clear the crown (remove dead and damaged branches etc.). The works are to allow access 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: 18/02/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 24/02/2026