

Application Number **AWDM/1567/25**

Address **Chichester Court Pevensey Gardens Worthing West Sussex**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2005 to reduce crown height by up to 3 to 4 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, to previous points, Weeping Willow tree T17.**

Date of site visit: 20/01/26

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 Willow tree T17 which is located southwest of Rippon Court and north of Norwich Court. 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 reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points.

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

2005: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 2005 confirmed on 02/02/2005.

2007: Application to reduce and reshape crown by 35% and thin crown by 15% to one Lime tree (T2) refused.

2012: Application to undertake various remedial surgery, including crown lifting, pollarding/crown reduction and lateral pruning, to a total of 16 trees, including 6 Sycamore, 3 Poplar, 3 Horse Chestnut, 2 Lime, 2 Norway Maple and Weeping Willow (T16, T19 and T23 and part of Groups G1, G2, G5 and G6).

2013: Application to crown lift to 5 metres, thin canopy by 15%, remove dead and crossing branches and reduce longest branches by up to 1 metre on one Lime tree (T2) in south-western corner of rear garden.

2013: Application to clear epicormic growth and dead wood, crown lift up to 5 metres crown thin up to 10% and crown reduce by 1 - 1.5 metres one Horse Chestnut one Lime and five Sycamore trees of group G2 (to the rear of Ripon Court, Coventry Court and Rochester Court)

- 2013: Application to clear epicormic growth and dead wood, crown lift up to 5 metres crown thin up to 10% and crown reduce by 1 - 1.5 metres one Horse Chestnut one Lime and five Sycamore trees of group G2 (to the rear of Ripon Court, Coventry Court and Rochester Court).
- 2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2005 to reduce height by up to 8 metres on one Sycamore T1 one Lime T2 and all trees of group G2
- 2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2005 to reduce height of 5 Acers and 1 Lime in Group G2 by 1 - 3.5ms and radial reduction by 0.5-1.5ms.
- 2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2005 to reduce in height up to 1.5m and radial reduction up to 1m to Lime tree (T1); Height reduction up to 1m, radial reduction up to 1m to Sycamore tree (T2); Height reduction up to 0.5m, radial reduction up to 0.5m to Horse Chestnut (T3); Height reduction up to 2m, radial reduction up to 1m to Sycamore tree (T4); Removal to ground level deceased Lime tree (T5); Height reduction up to 1.5m, radial reduction up to 1.5m to Sycamore tree (T6) all within Group G2 on northern perimeter of Pevensey Gardens.
- 2022: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2005 to crown lift up to 4 metres and remove deadwood Willow tree T17 and trees of group G1, to reduce north side to allow clearance to building of up to 2 metres Blue Cedar T20, and to fell and replace one Ash tree of group G6
- 2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2005 to crown lift up to 1.5 metres one Blue Atlas Cedar T20 and one Deodar T21, reduce to allow clearance to building of up to 2 metres Sycamore T10 of group G2, remove deadwood Norway Maple T9 of group G2, to remove epicormic and basal growth from trees of groups G5 and G6, and to partially fell and replace Horse Chestnut tree T11 of group G2.
- 2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2005 to reduce radial spread to 1 to 1.5 metres Sycamore T1, to reduce radial spread to 1 to 2 metres lift to 7 metres and crown thin 10% Lime T2, reduce spread to south 1 metre and crown lift up to 5 metres Sycamore T3 and reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre crown lift to 5 metres and crown thin 10% Horse Chestnut tree T4, all of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Willow tree growing between Norwich Court and Ripon Court, adjacent to the entrance to the garages in the Northwest corner of the complex. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree is a rather dominating tree to the northwest of the complex that has a single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into several large diameter scaffold limbs. There is also a smaller secondary stem that emerges at 2 metres from ground level on the west side of the main stem. The tree has a wide spreading dense crown, with some of the more recent lateral limbs beginning to arch over. 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 to 4 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, all to previous points. 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 tree and would not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

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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: Jo Morin Date: 19.02.2026