Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 01/10/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0885/25**
Address	**44 Poulters Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 7SU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 2006 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, and remove lowest limb to Southeast one Monterey Cypress tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 30/09/25

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single large mature Macrocarpa tree growing in the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary with properties in Shirley Drive. 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 radial spread, and remove lowest limb to Southeast

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

1998: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 19 of 1998 confirmed on 25/08/1998.

2006: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 3 of 2006 confirmed on 21/04/2006.

2006: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 2006 to crown reduce radial spread by up to 5 metres one Monterey Cypress tree (T1)

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.19 of 1998 to reduce radial spread of crown by up to 2 – 3 metres on one Yew tree T4

2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.19 of 1998 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and crown lift up to 4.5 metres, one Yew tree T4.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Monterey Cypress growing in the extended section of the rear garden to the rear of 46 Poulters Lane. The tree can be seen from the public road where it provides a backdrop to the mostly detached properties on the Northern side of Poulters Lane.

The tree has a large diameter single stem that divides into two upright secondary stems that both persist to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The first significant limb emerges at 6 metres to the Southeast and is over extended and partially failed,with the last 2 metres resting on the ground. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, and remove the low limb to Southeast. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow access beneath 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

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: 01/10/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 14/10/2025