

**Application Number**                      **AWDM/0008/26**

**Address**                                      **25 Bulkington Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 7HH**

**Proposal**                                      **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to re-pollard to previous points Holm Oak tree T8 and to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, crown lift up to 2.5 metres and crown thin 10% one Yew tree T9.**

**Date of site visit:** 30/09/25

**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 Holm Oak in the centre of the southern end of the rear garden, and a small to medium sized mature Yew tree located near the southwest corner of the rear garden. The trees are a part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to re-pollard to previous points Holm Oak tree T8 and to reduce radial spread crown lift and crown thin the Yew tree T9.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of light issues and amenity value.

**Consultations:**        None.

**Representations:**    None received.

### **Relevant Planning History**

1987: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 1 of 1987 confirmed on 24/11/1987.

1993: Pollarding of Holm Oak (T8) to previous pollard points and crown reduction by 20% and crown lifting to 2.5 metres of Yew tree (T9) (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1/1987)

2000: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1/1987 to crown reduce by 2 metres, crown lift to 4 metres and crown thin by 15% one Holm Oak (T8)

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1987 to crown lift to 4 metres, crown reduce by 3 metres and crown thin by 25% one Holm Oak (T8).

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1987 to crown lift to 4 metres, crown thin by 20% and crown reduce by 2 metres all around one Holm Oak (T8) in the rear garden.

- 2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to crown lift up to 4 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown thin up to 20% one Holm Oak tree T8
- 2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to reduce height and radial spread by up to 1 metre, crown lift up to 2.5 metres and crown thin 20% one Yew tree T9.
- 2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points (2 metres) one tree Holm Oak tree T8.
- 2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 2.5 metres, and crown thin up to 20% one Yew tree T9.
- 2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to crown lift up to 2.5 metres and crown thin 20% one Yew tree T9.
- 2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1987 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 4 metres, one Holm Oak tree T8.

## **Planning Assessment**

The trees are a large mature Holm Oak and a medium sized mature Yew growing in the rear garden close to the boundary with Broadwater Hall. The trees prominent to the area, and can be seen from some public views.

The trees are:

### Holm Oak tree T8

This tree has a large diameter single stem to 1 metre, where it then becomes twin, with the southern stem angling outward before correcting, elongating the crown. The stems are mostly clear to 3 metres, and each begins to divide further at 3.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with no central leader.

The proposed works are to re-pollard 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.

### Yew tree T9

The Yew tree T9 has a slightly northwest leaning compound stem from ground level that begins to separate into 2 main clusters from 2 metres. The stems are upright and tightly forked to 7 to 8 metres, where they begin to divide. The first laterals emerge from 3 metres, with lower foliage/epicormic growth from ground level. The main crown is dense and moderately wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, crown lift up to 2.5 metres and crown thin 10%. The works are to contain the spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 11/03/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 11/03/2025