

Application Number **AWDM/1404/24**

Address **48 Longlands Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NN**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.46 of 2003 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown thin up to 20% one Beech tree T1 of group G5, and to reduce radial spread 1.5 to 2 metres Beech trees T2, T3 and T4 of group G5.**

Date of site visit: 02/01/25

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to four large tall mature Beech trees located near the northwest of the rear garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and crown thin Beech tree T1 of group G5, and to reduce radial spread Beech trees T2, T3 and T4 of group G5.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 46 of 2003 confirmed on 29/01/2004.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.46 of 2003 to crown lift to 5 metres, crown thin by up to 15%, reduce longer branches towards house by up to 1 metre and clean out 4 Beech trees (G5).

Planning Assessment

The trees are a group of four large mature Beech which is one of several similar tree groups growing in the rear gardens adjacent to Hill Barn Golf Course, which is within the South Downs National Park. The trees prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Beech T1 of group G5

This tree has a large diameter slightly leaning single stem that persists to 10 metres, where it then begins to divide, with secondary stems each dividing several more times to the top of the high crown. The first laterals emerge from 8 metres and are mostly to the south. The lean of the tree does correct from 8 to 10 metres suggesting that there has not been a movement of the root plate and that the tree has just grown toward light etc. Also there is a large cavity, at the base that extends up to 1 metre

from above ground level, and is approximately 0.25 metres across at its widest point. The surrounds of the cavity has large strong calluses on either side and would appear to have been present when the tree was preserved. 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 crown thin up to 20%. The works are to reduce weight and sail effect in the crown.

Beech trees T2 T3 and T4 of group G5

These trees are of a similar size and age and run from slightly south of the Northwest corner to along the boundary with Hill Barn Golf Course to the North. The trees are mostly single stemmed to 7 to 8 metres, with the first limbs emerging from 6 to 7 metres. The main crowns are partially intertwined, dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass around the crowns.

Recommendation

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the description 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: 14/07/2026

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