

Application Number **AWDM/0251/26**

Address **40 Hurston Close Worthing West Sussex BN14 0AX**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.3 of 1996 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, and remove deadwood and damaged branches one Purple Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 30/04/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Purple Beech tree located near the centre of the rear/side garden of the property. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1996: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 3 of 1996 confirmed on 14/11/1996.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1996 for the felling of one Camperdown Elm tree (T2).

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1996 to reduce branches towards conservatory by average of 1 metre to growth points, clean crown, remove dead and crossing branches, remove stubs from lower section of tree, thin crown by 10% and minor branch reduction to west side by 1/2 metre to one Purple Beech (T1).

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1996 to reduce height by 2.5m and lateral canopy reduction of 1.5m and thin by 10% to one Purple Beech T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the western section of the rear garden where it is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 12 metres that reduces in girth at 5.5 to 6 metres where large secondary stems begin to emerge. The main central stem persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the top of the crown before dividing in multiple smaller stems. The main crown is dense and wide spread

with some slightly over extended laterals and has no central leader to its slightly bushy top. The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, and remove deadwood. These works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and general maintenance.

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: 26/05/2026

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 28/05/2026