Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/06/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0521/25**
Address	**44 Poulters Lane Worthing West Sussex BN14 7SU**
Proposal	**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.**

Date of site visit: 15/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single Yew tree T4 in the front garden of the property adjacent to the main road of Poulters Lane and the driveway of number 44. 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 by up to 1.5 metres and crown lift up to 4.5 metres.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation received from a nearby neighbour in support of the works.

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

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Yew growing in the front garden adjacent to the pavement of Poulters Lane. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a compound stem to 1.5 metres, where it begins to divide into two main clusters, that each become fully separated from 2.5 metres. There are some low epicomic growths near ground level with the first significant mostly ascending laterals emerging from 1.8 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, and some deadwood present.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres and to crown lift up to 4.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and to allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath 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: 06/06/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 06/06/2025