Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/05/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0346/25**
Address	**Wildwood 12 Links Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9QY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 1986 to fell and replace one Pine tree T1 of group G3.**

Date of site visit: 16/04/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large tall mature Pine tree located near the Southwest corner of the rear garden, close to the un-adopted footpath that connects Links Road to Hurston Close. The tree is prominent and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1986: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 7 of 1986 confirmed on 19/05/1987.

1998: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order number 7/1986 to crown lift to 4.5 metres one Turkey Oak (T6) by the removal of the lateral branches to the bole

2019: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 7 of 1986 to lift crown to 5.2m of one Beech tree of Group G3, to allow more light into gardens and remove obstruction to golf course access path.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Pine growing in the rear garden close to the boundary with 30 Hurston Close. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The Pine tree T1 of group G3 has a large diameter straight single stem that persists to within 2 to 3 metres of the the top. The first limbs that emerge from 8 metres are mostly dead or defoliated, with the scattered healthier needles being mostly within the upper crown. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with several dead limbs and large areas of chlorotic needles.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree, due to poor condition. The current state of the tree is relatively sound, with some new shoots, however the tree is in decline.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed felling of the Pine tree T1 of group G3 and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size, species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

3. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 09/05/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 09/05/2025