Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/12/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1232/25**
Address	**80 Salvington Hill Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BD**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.12 of 1991 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 7 metres, and crown thin 10% one Beech tree T2.**

Date of site visit: n/a

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 Beech located near the centre of the front garden, close to the vehicular entrance from Salvington Hill. The tree is one of several mature trees that are prominent to the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread, crown lift, and crown thin.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 12 of 1991 confirmed on 24/05/1991.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 1991 (Revised) to clean out the crown and crown reduce one Beech tree (T2) in front garden by 1 - 2 metres, by drop crotching.

2011: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 12 of 1991 (Revised) to remove limb on south side of Sycamore tree (T1) at western end of site, overhanging the boundary of No. 80 Salvington Hill

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small large mature Beech growing in the lawn area of the front garden adjacent to the driveway from Salvington Hill. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 3 metres, with a tightly forked slightly smaller secondary stem that emerges from 1 metre, and persists to within 3 to 4 metres of the top. The central stem divides from 3 metres into several upright stems. The first limbs emerge at 2.5 metres in a cluster where the stem has a slight dogleg. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended lower laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 7 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 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: 12/12/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 12/12/2025