

Application Number **AWDM/0248/26**

Address **Beech Court Beccles Road Worthing West Sussex**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.27 of 1991 to crown lift up to 3 to 6 metres (over garden and car park), Beech tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 31/03/26

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 Southern boundary adjacent to Richmond Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to crown lift over garden and car park, Beech tree T1.

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

1972: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1972 confirmed on 07/06/1973.

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VI (Heene), designated by the Council on 31st January 1985, pursuant to section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 27 of 1991 confirmed on 26/11/1991

1992: Application to crown lift one Beech tree (T1) by approx 5ft, selective thinning to reduce diameter of crown by 10ft and remove limb overhanging building (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order 27/1991) REFUSED.

1993: Application to crown reduce by 25%; thin by 5-10% and minor remedial works to Beech tree (T1) subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order 27/1991.

2026: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to prune to allow clearance to Telephone cables of up to 1 metre, one Sycamore tree in the Heene Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small large mature Beech growing in the front grounds close to the boundary wall along Richmond Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has two stems that emerge from a common source above ground level, the east stem persists to 8 metres where it divides into several. The west stem divides at 2 metres, with each secondary dividing again from 4 metres. The first significant limbs emerge from 6 metres. The main crown is dense and very wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals that support lower hanging tertiary branches.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 3 to 6 metres, 3 metres over lawn and garden areas, and up to 6 metres over the shared car park. The works are 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 Heene Conservation 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: 23/04/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 23/04/2026