Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 04/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0848/25**
Address	**25 Fourth Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres / to previous points one Deodar tree T35.**

Date of site visit: 03/09/25

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 Deodar located near the southeast corner of the front garden. 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 to previous points one Deodar tree T35.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 37 of 2003 confirmed on 22/01/2004.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 37 of 2003 to crown lift to 3 metres, reduce spread by up to 1.5 metres and crown reduce and thin by up to 3 metres one Deodar (T35) maintaining shape. SPLIT Refused crown reduce and thin by up to 3 metres.

2021: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.37 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres, to previous points, one Deodar tree T35.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature growing in the steeply inclined front garden close to the entrance driveway from the un-adopted road of Fourth Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has twin large diameter stems from ground level with a further significant stem to the north. The 2 main stems persist to 10 to 12 metres before beginning to divide. The smaller northern stem extends to 4 metres where it then divides with a wide “Y” union. The eastern stem supports the

highest parts of the tree, and there is some damage / distortion in the crown on the west side of the tree. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly lower hanging foliage.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres or to previous points. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass 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: 04/09/2025

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