Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/11/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0760/25**
Address	**19 Upper Brighton Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9HY**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.28 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown thin up to 15% and crown lift up to 4 metres Sycamore tree T1 of group G2, and to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres Sycamore tree T2 of group G2.**

Date of site visit: 25/09/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two large mature Sycamore located either side of the western boundary fence of the rear front garden. The trees are a prominent part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, crown thin and crown lift Sycamore tree T1 of group G2, and to reduce radial spread and crown lift up to 4 metres Sycamore tree T2 of group G2.

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

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 28 of 2003 confirmed on 08/01/2004.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large mature Sycamore, T1 growing in the northwest corner of the rear garden of 19 Upper Brighton Road, and T2 slightly further South, in the rear garden of the neighbouring 17 Upper Brighton Road. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views including the Public Open space of the Rotary Recreation Ground. The trees are

<u>Sycamore tree T1 of group G2</u>
This is the larger of the two trees, and has five main stems that emerge from a common source above ground level. Four of the stems divide from 0.5 to 2.5 metres, with the southernmost stem persisting to within 2 to 3 metres of the top along with most of the secondary stems. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended and lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 4 metres and crown thin up to 15%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

Sycamore tree T2 of group G2
The Sycamore tree T2 of group G2 is a slightly smaller tree, with three main stems from ground level. Each of the stems divide from 4.5 metres with the secondary stems mostly persisting to the top and forming a wide array. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended lower hanging laterals to the East.

The proposed works for Sycamore tree T2 of group G2, are to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and allow access beneath the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or 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: 06/11/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 06/11/2025