Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 14/08/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0729/25**
Address	**10 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 one Liquidambar tree T45.**

Date of site visit: 06/08/25

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 Liquidambar located near the northeast corner of the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary hedge. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Liquidambar growing in the rear garden close to the boundary and building of the neighbouring property of 12 Fourth Avenue. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree has a single stem to 2.25 metres where it divides into two tightly forked upright stems. The southern secondary divides again at 3 metres into several meandering mostly upright stems, with the north stem mostly persisting to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The first laterals emerge from 3.5 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals to the northland northeast.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more clearance to the neighbouring property.

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

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

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: 14/08/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 14/08/2025