

Application Number **AWDM/0720/26**

Address **Quernmoor Mill Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3DE**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 1991 to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres Cypress T7, reduce crown height by up to 2 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, trees of Area A3 and to fell and replace Atlas Cedar T10.**

Date of site visit: 21/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two individual trees: a large Atlas Cedar and a smaller Cypress in the front garden and several trees of various species that are part of Area A3 in the steeply sloped rear garden. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height Cypress T7, reduce crown height and radial spread trees of Area A3 and to fell and replace Atlas Cedar T10.

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 6 of 1991 confirmed on 29/07/1991.

2009: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 1991 to reduce in height by approximately 20%, Norway Spruce and Lawson Cypress within Group A2.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a small to medium sized Cypress in the northwest of the front garden, close to the detached garage, an Atlas Cedar near the centre of the Southern side of the front garden and a group of large tall mature trees growing at the end of the rear garden, adjacent to the public open space of the Gallops. The trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

Cypress T7

This tree is a bright form Cypress and has a single stem to 5 metres where it then divides into several, with ascending limbs emerging from 1.5 metres. The lower limbs are mostly defoliated to 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the size of the tree and allow more light and air to pass over the crown.

Trees of Area A3

The Area A3 originally consisted predominantly of Beech Silver Birch and Larch trees. The area is to the eastern end of the rear garden on the steep incline that merges into the wooded area of the Gallops Open Space. The trees are between 15 and 22 metres tall, mostly without central leaders, with foliage and limbs from near ground level. The combined crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass the crowns.

Atlas Cedar T10

This tree appears to have been dead for more than one season and has no remaining needles. The structure of the tree is a single stem to 10 metres then divides into several stems with limbs from 4 metres.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree.

The works to the Cypress tree T7 and the trees of Area A3 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.

The felling of the Atlas Cedar T10 will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

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Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works to Cypress tree T7 and the trees of Area A3, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the description 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.*

3. The proposed felling of the Atlas Cedar tree T10, and its replacement shall be carried out in full within two years from the date of this consent and in accordance with details of the size species and position of the replacement tree planting to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

4. If within five years following replanting, the replacement tree dies or becomes seriously diseased, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted in a similar position during the next planting season following the removal of the replacement tree, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 31/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 03.08/2026