Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 09/12/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1126/25**
Address	**116 Broadwater Street West Worthing West Sussex BN14 9DJ**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.15 of 2003 to remove to union one large stem to south, and reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, one False Acacia tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 01/09/25

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 False Acacia located near the centre of the Southern boundary of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to remove to union one large stem to the south, and reduce crown height and radial spread.

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 15 of 2003 confirmed on 12/08/2003.

2010: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 15 of 2003 to cut and remove ivy and remove deadwood and to reduce crown spread on the longest branches, by an average of 1 metre, on one False Acacia (Robinia pseudacacia), eastern side of front garden (T1).

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature False Acacia growing in the front garden, that is one of several tall mature trees along the eastern side of the main road into Worthing Town centre. The tree is part of a group that is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into several stems and laterals. The largest secondary stems are to the East and South, the Southern stem being angled outward and with a deep cavity that extends for 3 metres from the union. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to remove to union the large stem to the south, and reduce crown height and radial spread of the remaining tree by up to 2 metres. The works are precautionary works to avoid tear back from a possible limb failure and to contain the size and spread of the tree.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree, but in the long term, 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: 09/12/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 17/12/2025