

Application Number **AWDM/0258/26**

Address **Highdown 18 Links Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9QY**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.23 of 1990 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres Beech tree T1 of group G1, and to crown lift up to 4 metres, Sycamore T2 of group G1.**

Date of site visit: 11/05/26

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 trees of group G1, located in the extended northern section of the rear garden, which was formerly part of 20 Lyne House Links Road. The trees are a prominent part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread and crown lift Beech tree T1 of group G1, and to crown lift Sycamore T2 of group G1

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

Consultations: Letter sent to South Downs National Park, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 23 of 1990 confirmed on 18/03/1991.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two large matures; one Beech one Sycamore growing at the Eastern and Western ends of group G1 in the rear garden. The trees are part of the local landscape but have no public views.

Beech tree T1 of group G1

This tree is located at the Northeast end of the group. The tree has a single stem to 3 metres where it then divides into several mostly upright parallel stems. The first limbs emerge from 2 metres, with some being very over wide spread. The main crown is dense and wide spread with several over extended laterals.

The proposed works 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 and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crown.

Sycamore T2 of group G1

The Sycamore tree T2 of group G1 is growing at the Southeast end of the group close to the original boundary. The tree is single stemmed to 4 metres, where it then divides into two stems, the West stem dividing again at 4.25 metres, with the Eastern stem persisting to 10 metres. The first limbs emerge from 3 metres, some supporting lower hanging tertiary branches. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to crown lift up to 4 metres, to allow access and more light and air to pass 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: 12/05/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 12/05/2026