Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/08/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0568/25**
Address	**Crofters Wood 17 Heather Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 3BU**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1991 to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre and reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres, 1.5 metres only on the widest most protruding limbs, Pine tree T2.**

Date of site visit: 16/07/25

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 Pine in the centre of the front garden that is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant 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

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1991 confirmed on 28/05/1991.

2004: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order 2 of 1991 to remove and partially remove dangerous and overhanging branches and all dead branches of a Pine (T2).

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 1991 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 to 3 metres and remove selected low limb on west side to one Pine tree T2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Pine growing within a small lawn area of the front garden that is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single straight stem to 14 metres with the first laterals emerging from 4.25 metres. The main stem supports lateral up to 12 metres where it then reduces in girth, and at 14 metres divides into two horizontals at the top of the crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly overextended mostly lower laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1 metre and reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres, 1.5 metres only on the widest most protruding limbs. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

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

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: 05/08/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 05.08.2025