

Application Number **AWDM/0587/26**

Address **18 West Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN11 5LU**

Proposal **Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.64 of 1995 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres, Yew tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 07/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Yew tree near the southwest corner of the front rear garden adjacent to the entrance roadway from West Avenue. The tree 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 and crown lift.

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

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 64 of 1995 confirmed on 28/02/1996.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 64 of 1995 for crown lifting, south side, to clear driveway to 3.6m (12 feet) to one Yew tree (T1).

2011: Section 211 Notice to fell seven Western Red Cedar, four dead Western Red Cedar and one Bay in rear garden adjacent to northern boundary (site within Mill Road Conservation Area).

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 64 of 1995 to prune back on southern side to a height of 3.6 metres and remove lowest branches on western side to growth points to give clearance of up to 2.5 metres above pavement level one Yew tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Yew growing in the front garden close to the pavement and carriageway of West Avenue, adjacent to the entrance driveway. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter bole formed of many fused stems that begin to separate at 3 to 4 metres. The first significant laterals emerge at 2 metres, and are large and wide spread. The main

crown is very dense with foliage and smaller laterals overarching down to ground level, forming a thick green screen particularly to the south side of the tree, where it has been “faced” to form a hedge at the base of the tree.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres and crown lift up to 5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, allow access and allow 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 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: 15/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.07.2026