

Application Number **AWDM/0249/26**

Address **Beech Court Beccles Road Worthing West Sussex**

Proposal **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to prune to allow clearance to Telephone cables of up to 1 metre, one Sycamore tree in the Heene Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 18/03/26

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 Sycamore located near the centre of the Eastern boundary adjacent to Beccles Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to prune to allow clearance to Telephone cables one Sycamore tree.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of abating nuisance and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1972: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 2 of 1972 confirmed on 07/06/1973.

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VI (Heene), designated by the Council on 31st January 1985, pursuant to section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

1991: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 27 of 1991 confirmed on 26/11/1991

1992: Application to crown lift one Beech tree (T1) by approx 5ft, selective thinning to reduce diameter of crown by 10ft and remove limb overhanging building (subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order 27/1991) REFUSED.

1993: Application to crown reduce by 25%; thin by 5-10% and minor remedial works to Beech tree (T1) subject to Worthing Tree Preservation Order 27/1991

2026: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.27 of 1991 to crown lift up to 3 to 6 metres (over garden and car park), Beech tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large immature Sycamore growing in the front adjacent to the vehicular entrance from Beccles Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has six to seven slender stems from ground level that each mostly persist to within 2 metres of the top of the crown. The first significant laterals emerge from 4 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to prune to allow clearance within the crown for Telephone cables of up to 1 metre. The works are to abate possible future nuisance.

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 Heene Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 16/04/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 16.04.2026