Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 15/08/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0788/24**
Address	**5 Belsize Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4RG**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown spread to North by up to 2 metres one Bay T1 and two Irish Yew T2 & T3, and to reduce crown spread to North by up to 2.5 metres one Holm Oak tree T4 in the Heene Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 11/07/24

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to four trees, a large mature Bay T1, two medium sized Irish Yews T2 and T3 and a relatively small early mature Holm Oak T4 located along the Southern boundary of the front garden of 5 Belsize Road. The trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown spread to North the Bay, the two Irish Yew T2 & T3, and the Holm Oak tree T4.

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

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VI (Heene), designated by the Council on 31st January 1985

Planning Assessment

The Bay Irish Yew and Holm Oak are small to medium sized mature trees located along the boundary with 3a Belsize Road, on the Southern side of the front garden. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Bay T1</u>
This is the tallest of the four trees and closest to the main building. The tree has three main stems from ground level that each divide from 2 to 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown spread to North by up to 2 metres to contain the size and spread of the tree, and abate possible future nuisance.

Irish Yew T2 & T3
These two trees each have multiple stems from a common source: 0.5 metres above ground level for T2 and at ground level T3. The trees have a combined crown that forms a large tall screen of dense foliage from 2 metres. The intertwined main crowns are dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown spread to North by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the trees and allow more access to the lawned area of the front garden.

Holm Oak tree T4
The Holm Oak tree T4 is located at the Eastern end of the group, close to the Southeast corner of the front garden, and the pavement of Belsize Road. The tree has a single stem from ground level, with two large secondary stems to the Northwest and Southeast from 0.25 metres, and the first laterals from 0.8 metres. The main stem has a lean to the West and divides from 3 metres, above a section of damage. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown spread to North by up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree and allow more light and air to pass around 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 Heene Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 15/08/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 15.08.2024