Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 04/11/2025 5:39 PM from Claire Hunt.

Application Summary

Address:	Site Of Former Hm Revenues And Customs And Land South Of Hm Revenues And Customs Barrington Road Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.4 of 2024 to reduce radial spread to East; by up to 6 metres Holm Oak T1 of group G1, by up to 4 metres Holm Oak T14 of group G1, by up to 3 metres Holm Oaks T3 & T13 of group G1, by up to 2.5 metres Holm Oak T198 of group G2, by up to 2 metres Holm Oaks T8 to T12, and T16 of group G1, by up to 1.5 metres Holm Oaks T191 T193 T202 & T203 of group G2, and by up to 1 metre Holm Oaks T5 T6 T17 of group G1 and T194 to T196 and T201 of group G2, and to fell and replace Holm Oak T2 of group G1. |cr|
Case Officer:	Jeremy Sergeant

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Customer Details

Name:	Claire Hunt
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Address:	51 Northcourt Road Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Councillor
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity - Other - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	This planning application gives no explanation for the reasons for wanting to carry out substantial reductions of the radial spread of 18 important Holm Oaks. There are a couple of mentions of slight decay on lower branches, but no indication that the trees are diseased, unsafe, or unhealthy. There is a request to fell one tree, but it only mentions on the attached plan that it is dead, it does not state this as a reason in answer to the application form question. Bellway has repeatedly shown little concern for the environment and wildlife since they gained planning permission for nearby Elizabeth Square - they ripped out the established green corridor along Barrington Road before consent was given to do so, displacing lots of wildlife, reducing biodiversity and enjoyment of nature by residents and their attempts at re-planting and maintaining the new hedge (now mostly dead) have been poor so far, despite repeated requests. My request is that permission is not given at least until they show they have made

a proper assessment of the risks to the trees themselves of such extensive work and the risks to wildlife using the trees, including the dead tree, as habitat. Bellway should provide reasons why they think the work needs to be carried out, why it needs to be so extensive in many cases and what alternative options there are, including minimal pruning, or doing nothing. They should assess the impact on the trees and on wildlife in each option. If these grand old trees fail it would be a major loss of habitat, amenity (they are much loved and appreciated by local residents) and a loss to flood protection (already medium risk) as they must be contributing to absorbing ground water.