Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/11/2025 9:30 PM from Mrs Fiona Armstrong.

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:	Mrs Fiona Armstrong
Email:	
Address:	40 Melbourne Road Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Application reference: AWDM/1244/25 Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to express my concern and object to Bellway's application to "reduce radial spread" and fell any Holm Oaks. They will butcher the trees. The Holm Oaks are home to many Magpies and they start building their nests in December, laying eggs between March to July. Also squirrels who build drays. All birds are protected under British law: Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. The trees are approximately 150 years old and marked the Northern end of the old Courtlands Estate. The trees were gifted from the Lyons family who lived at Goring Hall. As you will know, that family were the late Queen Mothers cousins and the late Queen Mother was a Bowes-Lyons. The trees were allegedly covenanted. The trees were planted to stem the Teville Stream which is fed from the Rife and it

still flows under the old Lloyds Tower near Durrington Station. I used to work for Lloyds and every spring it rose in the lift shaft and we all had to use the stairs. There can be no justification for reducing radial spread by up to 6 metres - that's nineteen and a half feet.

Bellway ripped out hedging that Robins nested in and I warned the site manager that there were seven nests. No attempt was made to put up bird boxes and I miss the Robin's song.

Bellway like neat and tidy, manicured lawns and I can only guess the trees are taking up space. The truth is this neighbourhood have had to tolerate a lot of noise from that building site and had to put up with Barrington Road being damaged by their enormous, heavy, industrial machines. It caused absolute chaos during school rush hour as they decided it would be intelligent to come through a residential area with two schools. At one stage the road actually began to collapse and emergency repairs had to be done to fill in the sink hole.
So lowering the height of the trees will not go down well as the trees deadens some of the continuing sound of building from the new estate - constant reversing vehicle sounds. We only get respite on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

The benefit to the community and the environment shouldn't be over ruled by the whim of the applicant. They don't own the trees.

Kind regards

Mrs Fiona Armstrong