Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 03/06/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0528/25**
Address	**2 Church Walk Worthing West Sussex BN11 2LH**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Griselinia and one Bay tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 07/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two small to medium sized early mature trees, one Griselinia and one Bay, located along the eastern boundary wall of the front garden. The trees are a part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Farncombe Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread one Griselinia and one Bay tree

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VII (Farncombe Road) designated by the Council on 7th November 1985, pursuant to Section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971. The above area was amended by the Council on 29TH April 1997.

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 38 of 2003 confirmed on 10/12/2003.

1997: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one hybrid beech/fern tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

2025: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.38 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Holly tree T3.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a small Griselinia in the northeast corner and a slightly larger more mature Bay tree at the centre of the eastern boundary. The trees are a part of the area, and can be seen from many views.

The trees are:

Griselinia T1
This tree has several stems from ground level that begin to divide from 0.5 metres, and have been reduced at 2 metres. The resulting re-growth is a mass of smaller stems and 2 to 3 larger main scaffold stems to the West and Northwest. The main crown is dense and wide spread with no distinct form or shape.

Bay T2
The Bay tree T2 has a large diameter single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into several upright stems that each persist to 3 to 4 metres before dividing again. There are some relatively tall basal growths at the base. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees and allow more light and air to pass their crowns.

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 Farncombe Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 03/06/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 03/06/2025