Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 08/09/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0895/25**
Address	**61 Manor Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4SE**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height 1 to 2 metres and radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres one Horse Chestnut tree T1 in the Heene Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 06/08/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a single early mature Horse Chestnut tree located near the centre of the front garden. 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 reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

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

2019: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height and radial spread up to 2 to 3 metres one Horse Chestnut tree and to reduce height and radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres one Yew, Bay, Pittosporum, Apple and Hazel trees in the Heene Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a medium sized early mature Horse Chestnut tree growing in the front garden adjacent to the boundary wall with the pavement of Manor Road, and the inside footpath. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into several smaller stems. The first laterals emerging from 1.8 metres, some of the higher limbs have been unsympathetically reduced leaving stump ends. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height 1 to 2 metres and radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree in a somewhat restricted growing space, and to allow clearance to overhead cables.

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: 08/09/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 9/9/25