Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 23/10/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/1114/25**
Address	**Greenwood Crockhurst Hill Worthing West Sussex BN13 3EE**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown radial spread by up to 0.5 metres (trim as Hedge) one Hawthorn T1 and two Hornbeams T2 & T3 in the Salvington Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 24/09/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three trees in the rear garden of the property that runs adjacent to the front garden of 17 Cleveland Close. The trees are part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Salvington Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread (trim as Hedge) one Hawthorn T1 and two Hornbeams T2 & T3.

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

1997: The Salvington Conservation Area XVI designated on 29th April 1997.

2016: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres one Holm Oak tree T1, to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre one Fir tree T2, and to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre one Hornbeam tree T3 in the Salvington Conservation Area.

2016: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 16 of 2016 confirmed on 04/07/2016.

2018: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce height by up to 3 metres and radial spread by 2 metres on one Hawthorn (T1) and two Hornbeam trees (T2 and T3). Remove low limb from one Sycamore (T4) overhanging A27. Reduce height by up to 1.5 metres and radial spread by 0.5 metre one Yew tree (T5) and one Holly tree (T6) in the Salvington Conservation Area.

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2016 to reduce radial spread to North by up to 1.5 metres one Holm Oak tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The trees are three small to medium sized trees in a linear group on the western boundary of the rear garden, that are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Hawthorn T1
The Hawthorne tree T1 is located in the southwest corner of the rear garden, adjacent to the entrance from Cleveland Close. T1, along with the two Hornbeams (T2 & T3), form an informal hedge between Greenwood and the front garden of 17 Cleveland Close (the applicants). The tree has a single stem to 2 metres, where it then divides into 3 to 4 stems that have each been lopped at 4 metres. The resulting re-growth has formed an established dense crown formed of small branch work.

Hornbeam T2 & T3
The two Hornbeam trees are directly north of the Hawthorn T1, forming a linear group along the western side of the entrance drive way from Cleveland Close. The two trees are both single stemmed to 1.8 to 3 metres and have several large twisted and distorted scaffold limbs within their main crowns. Although taller and wider spread than the Hawthorn T1 the three trees have a combined dense crown.

The proposed works to all three trees are to reduce radial spread up to to 0.5 metres (trim as Hedge) on the west side adjacent to the driveway of 17 Cleveland Close. The works are to contain the spread of the crowns and are a continuation of previous management.

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 Salvington Conservation Area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 23/10/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 24.10.2025