Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 30/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1392/25**
Address	**Street Record Willows Drive Lancing West Sussex**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53/2/11/S of 2011 to reduce radial spread to allow clearance to property of up to 2 metres, and remove dead and damaged limbs, Twisted Willow tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 28/01/26

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Twisted Willow tree located near the centre of the Open Space between 5 Willows Drive and the rear gardens of 2 to 4 West Close. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to allow clearance to property and remove dead and damaged limbs.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, abating nuisance, and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: One representation was received from Lancing Parish Council who reviewed and discussed the application at the Lancing Parish Council Planning Committee on the 10th of December 2025, where it was resolved to support this application.

Relevant Planning History

2011: Adur Tree Preservation order Number No.13.53/2/11/S of 2011 made.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Twisted Willow growing in the Open Space, to the south of the Parking area of Willows Drive. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a compound stem from ground level that begins to separate from 1 metre, into several stems. There is a larger stem to the east and many smaller stems and laterals that all divide again from 4 to 5 metres, forming a wide array. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some dead and damaged limbs.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to allow clearance to the adjacent property of 5 Willows Drive of up to 2 metres, and remove dead and damaged limbs. The works are to abate possible future nuisance and for safety and amenity value.

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 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: 30/01/2026

Authorised by: PB Date: 30/1/26