Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/01/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1216/26**
Address	**44 High Street Worthing West Sussex BN14 7NR**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres one Cherry Plum tree T1 in the West Tarring Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 02/10/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized early mature Cherry Plum tree located to the east of the boundary fence of the rear garden. The tree is a part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the West Tarring Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread one Cherry Plum tree T1.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1975: The property is included within Conservation Area No.1 (West Tarring) designated by the Council on 6th March 1975.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature Prunus growing in the rear access path that serves properties 44 to 60a High Street Worthing. The tree can be seen from limited public views.

The tree has two stems from ground level; a smaller diameter secondary stem to the southeast that mostly persists and a slightly larger main stem that divides into three at 0.75 metres, each stem dividing again from 2 metres, and several more times to the top. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some lower hanging laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree and allow access along the pathway to the rear of properties.

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 West Tarring Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 13/01/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 13.01.2026