Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 13/02/2026**

Application Number	**AWDM/1414/25**
Address	**68 Manor Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4SL**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres, two Cherry trees in the Heene Conservation Area.**

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 two small to medium sized early mature Cherry trees, located near the Southwest corner of the rear garden.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, two Cherry trees.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: Worthing Conservation Area VI Heene, designated 31/01/1985.

1997: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 55 of 1997 confirmed on 10/09/1997.

1997: Application to fell two holly trees (within group g2) and one manna ash (within group G1). Refused.

2000: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No 55 of 1997 to Crown lift to 4 metres and clean out the crown to one Manna Ash. Crown lift to 3 metres and clean out the crowns to two Common Hawthorn within Group G1

2012: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 55 of 1997 to crown reduce by approximately 20%, thin inner canopy by removal of crossing and dead branches and crown lift to approximately 5 metres above ground level one Manna Ash (Fraxinus ornus) and to remove dead wood on the two Hawthorn trees (Group G1) Split Decision – Refused overall reduction of Manna Ash.

2013: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 55 of 1997 to fell one Holly tree of group G2

2014: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 55 of 1997 to fell one Bay tree of group G2 - Refused.

2015: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.55 of 1997 to fell one Bay tree of group G2. – Returned.

2016: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.55 of 1997 to crown lift up to 5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, one Manna Ash tree of group G1, to reduce radial spread by up to 1 metre, reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres one Bay of group G2, and to remove lower branches over garage to give up to 1.5 metres clearance one Holly tree of group G2.

2018: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 55 of 1997 to fell two Hawthorn trees in Group G1. Fell and replace one Bay tree in Group G2. Reduce height by 1.5 metres one Manna Ash of Group G1.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.55 of 1997 to reduce back to previous pollard points one Manna Ash of group G1, to reduce crown height by up to 2 to 3 metres and trim sides by up to 0.3 metres one Holly tree of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The trees are two medium sized early mature Cherry trees growing in the rear garden adjacent to the building and garden wall of 13 Shakespeare Road. The trees are part of the area with limited public views.

The trees are:

Cherry tree T1
This tree is located to the east of the two, close to the rear wall of the separate garage building. The tree has a single stem to 0.75 metres, where it then divides into several tightly forked upright stems, that each divide from 2 metres, where the stems become slightly more separated. The main crown is moderately dense and wide spread.

Cherry tree T2
This tree has a single stem to 1 metre which then divides into five main stems that each divide again from 2.25 to 4 metres. The top of the tree is bushy with mostly tertiary stems. The main crown is moderately dense, becoming denser to the last 2 to 3 metres, and wide spread.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height by up to 2.5 metres and reduce 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 the crown.

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 Heene Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 13/02/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 13.02.2026