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AWDM/0966/26 Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell 1x leylandii in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area. Flat 1 24 Shakespeare Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4AR

Dear Tree Officer / Planning Department,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed removal of the mature Leylandii at **Flat 1, 24 Shakespeare Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4AR**, which lies within the **Shakespeare Road Conservation Area**.

While I recognise that Leylandii are not typically regarded as specimen trees, this mature specimen plays an important functional and visual role in the street scene. Its removal raises several serious conservation and structural concerns:

- **Risk of Structural Collapse to the Adjacent Boundary Wall:** The tree stands directly next to the remaining section of the historic front boundary wall. This wall is already in a fragile condition and has noticeably deteriorated over the past few years, including a substantial loss of its flint facing. Felling a tree of this size so close to the wall - and particularly any subsequent stump grinding or root disturbance - carries a high risk of causing the complete collapse of the remaining structure. Boundary walls are a notable, protected feature of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area, yet no structural assessment or arboricultural method statement has been provided to show how this wall will be safeguarded during works.
- **Harsh Exposure and Loss of Street Scene Softening:** The tree provides vital evergreen screening that helps soften the gap where an earlier section of the boundary wall was removed for car parking prior to conservation area designation. Removing this substantial green screen will leave the property frontage starkly exposed, harming the established leafy character and visual amenity of the street.

- **Lack of Arboricultural Justification and Habitat Loss:** The tree appears healthy and presents no evident safety hazard. Additionally, as a dense, mature evergreen, it provides valuable year-round shelter and nesting habitat for local birds.

For these reasons, I urge the Council to refuse this application due to:

- The structural risk to the adjacent historic boundary wall.
- The harm to the established leafy character and visual amenity of the street.
- The lack of arboricultural justification and resulting habitat loss.

Should the Council decide not to refuse the application, I urge it to serve a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), or at a minimum, require a formal structural and arboricultural method statement demonstrating how the boundary wall will be protected prior to any works commencing.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,
Stephanie Uniacke-Stacey
19 Shakespeare Road, BN11 4AR