Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 02/10/2025 8:54 AM from Mr Jeffery Smith.

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Montague Place Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace Acer pseudoplatanus T2, Tilia cordata T3, Quercus ilex T4 and Cupressus macrocarpa 'Goldcrest' T5, in the South Street Conservation Area.
Case Officer:	Jeremy Sergeant

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr Jeffery Smith
Email:	
Address:	9A Homepier House 77 Heene Road Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	1) The trees are long-established in a conservation area and are part of the urban fabric. Any newly planted trees would necessarily take many years to assume the appearance of the present trees. In the meantime, the lack of mature trees would detract greatly from the streetscape. 2) Mature trees provide many benefits including filtering pollution, reducing flooding, providing shelter for shoppers, improving air quality, providing habitats for wildlife and improving mental health. Many of these benefits are not provided fully for many years after planting, as trees take a long time to mature. Even with additional planting as part of the Montague Place landscaping, the benefits of mature trees would not become apparent for many years. In the meantime, there would be significant loss of amenity. 3) It's worth noting that tree no 5 in particular is a very unusual specimen as a freestanding single cupressus macrocarpa goldcrest. This tree adds a huge amount of character to the street all year round by virtue of it's unique shape, colours and foliage and I feel it would be a huge loss to the town if it were to be

destroyed. Rather, this popular and well-regarded tree should be appreciated as a positive part of the streetscape, including post-landscaping.
4) The so-called "Supporting Statement" only provides pictures of the trees proposed for removal. Neither the supporting statement, nor any other documents in the public domain, give any reasons or justification for the proposed works. That is, no positive arguments for the works are given in the application. Given the significant loss of amenity and damage to the streetscape if the trees were to be removed, and the complete lack of justification for the works, there is no justification for the works to be authorised and the application should be refused.