

Application Number **AWDM/0701/26**

Address **7 Chappell Croft Mill Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4JL**

Proposal **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 0.75 metre, Holm Oak tree T1 and Bay T2 and to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 0.75 metres Bay tree T3 in the Heene Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 09/07/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to three small to medium early mature trees located on the north and southern boundaries of the allocated rear garden of 7 Chappell Croft Mill Lane. The trees are a part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and reduce radial spread, Holm Oak tree T1 Bay T2 and Bay tree T3.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VI (Heene), designated by the Council on 31st January 1985.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a small immatures growing in the rear garden. The Holm Oak T1 and Bay T2 form a tall hedge adjacent to the northern boundary fence, with the Bay T3 being a more stand alone large bush in the Southwest corner. The trees are a part of the area and make a contribution to the character of the Heene Conservation Area.

Holm Oak tree T1

This tree is to the northwest of the garden adjacent to the garden fence on the boundary of an access footpath. The tree has a single stem to 2 metres where the stem divides. The main crown is dense and wide spread with both sides having been “faced” to form a high hedge, with some slightly over extended laterals.

Bay T2

The Bay tree T2 is to the east of the Holm Oak with the two trees being fully intertwined and both being treated as a hedge. The bay has several stems including a medium sized stem to the north of the boundary fence. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals and stems.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres and reduce radial spread by up to 0.75 metre. The works are to contain the size and spread of the trees, allow more light and air to pass the combined crowns, and to re-establish them as a garden hedge.

Bay tree T3

This tree is growing in the southwest corner where it is part of a border with more individual trees and shrubs rather than a formally shaped hedge. Although there was no close inspection it could be observed that the tree has multi stems from ground level with no central leader, forming more of a large bush or shrub than a tree. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread by up to 0.75 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the tree 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: 30/07/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 30.07.2026