Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 26/07/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0716/24**
Address	**29 St Matthews Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4AU**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 3 to 3.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and remove basal growth and suckers one row of 10 Bay trees in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 18/06/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to 10 large Bay trees growing along the Western boundary of the rear garden. The trees are a prominent part of the local landscape and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread, and remove basal growth and suckers.

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

1991: Shakespeare Road Conservation Area (X) designated on 25th April 1989 pursuant to section 69 of the planning (listed buildings and conservation areas) act 1990.

Planning Assessment

The trees are a linear group of 10 large mature Bays growing in the rear garden adjacent to the Western Boundary wall. The trees are prominent to the local area, with limited public views.

The trees are of varying height and sizes, although being all of the same approximate age. The group was originally 10 individual trees, although the large amount of suckers and basal growths give the appearance of more. The combined main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 3 to 3.5 metres, reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 2 metres, and remove basal growth and suckers. The works are to form a row of 10 trees each with a uniform height of 4 metres and a reduced spread.

These works in my opinion would be relatively large in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees, but would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 26/07/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 29/07/2024