Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 07/07/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0597/25**
Address	**29 Shakespeare Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4AS**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Prunus tree T1 in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 04/06/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small mature Cherry tree located in the Southeast of the front garden adjacent to the driveway from Shakespeare Road. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Prunus tree T1

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1981: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 24 of 1981 confirmed on 08/09/1981.

1989: The property is included within the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area X designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Prunus growing in the front garden close to the pavement of Shakespeare Road. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a gnarled single stem to 2 metres where it divides into two, each stem dividing again at 2.25 metres, and several more times to the top. The main stem has several large pruning wounds from 1.75 metres. The main crown is dense and A-symmetrical with most of the crown being to the north. The tree is relatively small with the low crown being partially covered by an adjacent Purple Beech tree.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to poor condition, brought about mostly by unsympathetic pruning. The tree is a part of the local landscape but falls short of the quality required for a Tree Preservation Order. Therefore recommendation is that consent to fell and replace is given.

These works in my opinion will be large in relation to the overall number of trees and a significant amount of change will take place. However the effect on the area will be compensated with the provision of a replacement tree.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 07/07/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 07.07.2025