Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date: 16/08/23**

Application Number	**AWDM/0903/23**
Address	**13 Ambrose Place Worthing West Sussex BN11 1PZ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres, remove selected southern limb one Bay tree in the Chapel Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 06/07/23

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature Bay tree located near the centre of the Southern boundary of the detached front garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Chapel Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and remove one selected southern limb.

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

2000: The property is included within Conservation Area Chapel Road (XXIV) (formerly Seafront and Hinterland), designated by the Council on 14th March 2000.

2017: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread to east by up to 2.5 metres on one Cherry tree, and to reduce length of selected lateral limb to east by up to 2.5 metres on one Bay tree in the Chapel Road Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a mature medium sized Bay growing in the separate front garden on the south side of Ambrose Place. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The Bay tree is growing in the southeast corner of the garden adjacent to the retaining boundary wall between the gardens of Ambrose Place, and the Office buildings in Liverpool Road. The Bay has a leaning single stem that extends to 4 metres, correcting to upright from 2.5 metres with some large epicormic growth from 1.2 metres. At 4 metres the crown develops, with a large over extended limb on the east side, and a smaller protruding limb to the south. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres and remove the southern limb. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree and would not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Chapel Road Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 16/08/2023

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 16 August 2023