Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 16/10/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1159/24**
Address	**11 Farncombe Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2AY**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Prunus tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 12/09/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small early mature Cherry tree that straddles the boundary between 11 and 13 Farncombe Road, located near the Eastern boundary close to the public pavement. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Prunus tree.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1995: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 42 of 1995 confirmed on 04/12/1995.

2008: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 42 of 1995 to reduce one Bay by 50% (within Group G1).

2024: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.42 of 1995 to fell and replace one Holly tree T1.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature Prunus that has its base to the North of the boundary wall, in the front garden of 13 Farncombe Road, with the main crown breaking to the South over the driveway of 11 Farncombe Road. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a leaning single stem to 2.5 metres where it begins to correct, and divides from 3 metres. The crown is intertwined with other trees and shrubs being part of a dense wide screen of foliage. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to fell and replace the tree due to its growth pattern and damage at the base of the main stem.

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: 16/10/2024

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 16/10/2024