Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 12/12/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/1213/24**
Address	**Willett Lodge Chaucer Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4PB**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace one Bay tree T1 in the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 03/10/24

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a small to medium sized early mature Bay tree near the Northeast corner of the frontage, close to the crossover from Chaucer Road. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace one Bay tree T1.

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

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

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1989: The Shakespeare Road Conservation Area X designated by the Council on 25th April 1989

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small early mature growing in the front grounds adjacent to the pavement of Chaucer Road. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree is formed of a group of stems from ground level, some of which are a larger diameter, but spread across the group rather than central. Foliage and branches emerge from ground level with some of the perimeter stems being angled outward. The crown does not have a definable shape and although the tallest is approximately 9 metres the overall height is 7 to 8 metres. 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 proximity to the boundary wall and vehicular entrance.

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 Shakespeare Road Conservation 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:12/12/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 12.12.2024