Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 06/03/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0045/25**
Address	**Beechwood Hall Wykeham Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 9NJ**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace or heavy reduction on southern side one Holm Oak tree T1 in the Park Crescent Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 03/03/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Holm Oak located near the Southeast section of the car parking area on the boundary with the public open space of Amelia Park. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Park Crescent Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to fell and replace the tree, or greatly reduce its southern side.

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

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1949: The property is included in the List of Buildings dated 11th October 1949 compiled by the Minister of Housing and Local Government

1975: The property is included in Conservation Area IV (Park Crescent) IV, designated by the Council on 6th March 1975.

1977: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number of confirmed on 020/03/201904.

2020: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift up to 4 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Sycamore tree T3, and to fell and replace one Holm Oak T1 and one Holly T2 in the Park Crescent Conservation Area.

2020: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.14 of 1997 to crown lift up to 4 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Holm Oak T6, to crown lift up to 4 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1 to 1.5 metres one Sycamore (t4) and one Holly (t5) of group G1, reduce crown height by up to 5 metres and deadwood six Sycamore of group G4, and to crown lift up to 4 metres, and reduce radial spread by up to 1.5 metres Elm tree of group G2.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Holm Oak growing in the front grounds to the north of EV Charging station and the public open space of Amelia Park. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem to 4 metres, where it then divides into two. Both stems angle to the south with high crowns that have most of the weight on overextended limbs. The main crown is dense on the main upper stems high and a-symmetrical, with the two main stems /crowns being partially separated. The main stem has severe decay at its base and from 1.5 to 3 metres on the west side.

The proposed works are to fell and replace or heavily reduce on the southern side, due to poor structure and damage to the main stem.

Whichever option is chosen, the work in my opinion will be large in relation to either the overall number of trees, or the size and stature of the tree and a significant amount of change will take place. If the applicant decides on felling, the effect on the Park Crescent 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: 06/03/2025
Authorised by:	Louise Prew	Date: 06/03/2025