**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 02/09/2025**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/0879/25** |
| **Address** | **15 Ambrose Place Worthing West Sussex BN11 1PZ** |
| **Proposal** | **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and crown thin 10% one Cherry Plum tree T1 in the Chapel Road Conservation Area.** |

**Date of site visit:** 23/07/25

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

**Proposal, Site and Surroundings**

The application refers to a small to medium sized early mature Cherry Plum located near the centre of the narrow front garden. The tree is a prominent 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 radial spread, crown lift and crown thin one Cherry Plum tree T1.

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

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

**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.

**Planning Assessment**

The tree is a small mature Prunus growing in the narrow front garden between the main building and the low retaining wall, adjacent to the pavement of Ambrose Place. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree is multi-stemmed from ground level with five main stems that each begin to divide from 1.8 metres. The secondary stems are long and slender poles that persist to within 2 to 3 metres of the top. The first small laterals and foliage emerge from 1 metre. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 2 metres, crown lift up to 2.5 metres, and crown thin 10%. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree abate

possible future nuisance, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to pass through the crown.

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: 02/09/2025

Authorised by: PB Date: 2/9/25