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Dear Ms Burn

WORTHING SOCIETY CONSULTATION RESPONSE

PLANNING APPLICATION - AWDM/1144/25 - MONTAGUE PLACE, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX (IN THE SOUTH STREET CONSERVATION AREA)

Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell and replace Acer pseudoplatanus T2, Tilia cordata T3, Quercus ilex T4 and Cupressus macrocarpa 'Goldcrest' T5

Thank you for requesting our comments in respect of the above Planning Application which concerns the removal of four mature trees in Montague Place, which is located in a prominent part of the South Street Conservation Area and there are proximate listed buildings.

We have received representations from Worthing Society members who are very concerned about the removal of these established trees. I have now had the opportunity to discuss the matter with our Heritage Team. Although replacement trees would be planted, they would take time to mature. We note that a representation has been received which refers to tree no.T5, in particular, as being a very 'unusual specimen as a freestanding single Cupressus Macrocarpa Goldcrest. Perhaps further investigation into the quality and nature of these trees would be appropriate.

We consider there is no valid reason to remove these healthy trees which contribute positively to the 'setting' of the conservation area. Their retention could be accommodated to blend with the works and landscaping for the creation of Montague Gardens.

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In summary, we consider the removal of these trees would not be consistent with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. For the reasons stated the Society objects to this application.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Belton

Mrs Susan Belton
Worthing Society Chair

Cc: Gary Peck, Head of Planning, Regeneration & Well-being, Adur & Worthing Councils

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