Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 22/05/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0487/25**
Address	**Markswood Abbotts Close Worthing West Sussex BN11 1JB**
Proposal	**Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce radial spread to west by up to 1 metre Silver Birch trees T1 and T2 in the Richmond Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 30/04/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to two medium sized early mature Silver Birch trees located between the Eastern boundary wall and the main building. The trees are a part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Richmond Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to west Silver Birch trees T1 and T2

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

Consultations: None

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: The property is within the Richmond Road Conservation Area XV designated by the council on 29/04/1997

Planning Assessment

The trees are early mature Silver Birch growing in the front rear garden. The trees are prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

Silver Birch T1
This tree is the slightly larger of the two located the furthest South. The tree has a single stem to 6 metres, where it divides into two horizontal stems that support the stems and limbs of the main crown. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, particularly to the West.

Silver Birch T12
The second tree is slightly smaller and has a single stem to 4.5 metres, where the crown breaks with mostly angled over or horizontal stems and limbs. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

The proposed works for both trees are to reduce radial spread to west by up to 1 metre. The works are to contain the spread of the trees, allow clearance to the main building crown, and abate possible future nuisance.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the trees and would not significantly or adversely affect their appearance, amenity value, or contribution to the character of the Richmond Road Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent, Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 22/05/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 22/05/2025