Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 05/06/2025**

Application Number	**AWDM/0492/25**
Address	**2 Church Walk Worthing West Sussex BN11 2LH**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.38 of 2003 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Holly tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 15/05/25

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

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a medium sized mature Holly tree located near the northeast corner of the front garden. The tree is a part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1985: The property is included within Conservation Area VII (Farncombe Road) designated by the Council on 7th November 1985, pursuant to Section 277 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971. The above area was amended by the Council on 29TH April 1997.

2003: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 38 of 2003 confirmed on 10/12/2003.

1997: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell one hybrid beech/fern tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

2025: Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 1.5 metres one Griselinia and one Bay tree in the Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a mature Holly growing in the front garden adjacent to the pavement of Church Walk. The tree is part of the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a single stem to 8 metres, where it then divides into several mostly upright stems, with two main central stems that each persist to within 2 metres of the top. The tree is intertwined with

adjoining trees and shrubs, with the tip protruding by up to 2 metres. 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 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree.

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 Farncombe Road Conservation Area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 05/06/2025

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 06/06/2025