

Application Number **AWDM/1978/26**

Address **26 Winchester Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4DH**

Proposal **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 Purple-leaved Plum T1 tree in the Winchester Road Conservation Area.**

Date of site visit: 31/03/26

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 mature Prunus located near the centre of the eastern boundary wall between the entrance footpath and the low boundary wall of the front garden. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Winchester Road Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread.

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

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who made further enquiry, which was replied to, but did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1990: The property is included within the Winchester Road Conservation Area XXI designated by the Council on 29th April 1997 pursuant to Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

2022: 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 Purple Leaved Plum tree in the Winchester Road Conservation Area.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a small mature Prunus growing in the front garden within a narrow border between the front path and boundary wall. The tree is prominent to the area and can be seen from many views.

The Purple Leaved Plum tree has a single stem to 1.8 metres where it then begins to divide. There is a large secondary stem that emerges from near ground level and achieves an equal height in the main crown. The first branches and foliage start from 1 metre, with some epicormic and basal growth

from ground level. 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 access alongside and allow more light and air to pass around 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 Winchester Road Conservation Area.

Recommendation

Grant Consent Not subject to Conditions:

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 22/04/2026

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 22.04.2026