**Development Management – Delegated Officer Report** **Date; 05/08/2025**

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| **Application Number** | **AWDM/0661/25** |
| **Address** | **83 Manor Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4SL** |
| **Proposal** | **Section 211 Notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres Bays T1, reduce crown height by up to 2 metres Laurel T2, reduce crown height up to 2.5 metres crown lift up to 2.5 metres, Bays T3 T4 & T5, and Laurel T6 in the Heene 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 group of Bay and a single Laurel in the front garden and three Bays and a single Laurel on the Western boundary of the rear garden. The front garden trees are a prominent part of the street scene and make a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Heene Conservation Area, the rear garden trees have limited public views.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height Bays T1 and Laurel T2, reduce crown height and crown lift Bays T3 T4 & T5, and Laurel T6.

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 did not respond.

**Representations:** None received.

**Relevant Planning History**

1975: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 5 of 1975 confirmed on 16/09/1975.

**Planning Assessment**

The trees are a group of large sprawling Bays along the South and Southwest boundaries of the front garden T1, a ball shaped Laurel T2 and three Bays T3 T4 and T5 and a large Laurel bush T6 in the rear garden. The front garden trees are prominent to the area and can be seen from many views. The trees are:

<u>Bays T1</u>
This is a group of Bays, originally planted as a hedge, that extends along the Southern and Western boundaries. The trees are all multi-stemmed with many basal shoots extending the width of the group. The combined main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 1.5 metres. The works are to contain the size of the trees and allow more light and air to pass over the crown.

Laurel T2
The Laurel tree T2 is located further north than the Bays of T1 close to the centre of the front garden. The tree has slightly outgrown its previous “ball” shape to form a large bush. The main crown is dense and wide spread with foliage from ground level.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height by up to 2 metres Laurel T2. The works are to contain the size of the tree.

Bays T3
This tree is the closest to the main building along the Western side of the rear garden. The tree has several medium sized stems from ground level, that each divide from 2 to 3 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

Bays T4 & T5
These two groups of Bay are to the north of the single Laurel T6 along the Western boundary. The trees have several slender main stems, and many smaller basal growths that merge into a elongated group. The larger stems mostly divide from 2 to 3 metres. Foliage is from ground level becoming thicker for 0.5 to 1 metre. The combined main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals.

Laurel T6
The Laurel tree T6 is located between the Bays T3 and T4 on the Western boundary. The tree has two main scaffold stems from ground level that each support additional stems and limbs from 0.5 metres. Although relatively tall at approximately 8 metres the Laural is more of an overgrown shrub or bush than a formal tree. The main crown has dense foliage from slightly above ground level (0.25 metre) and is wide spread with some over extended laterals.

The proposed works for the Bays T3 T4 & T5, and the Laurel T6 are to reduce crown height up to 2.5 metres, and crown lift up to 2.5 metres. The works are to contain the size of the trees and allow access and allow more light and air to pass beneath the crowns.

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 Heene Conservation Area.

**Recommendation**

**Grant Consent,** Not subject to Conditions:

**Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?**

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 05/08/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 05.08.2025