

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0018: 6 Mitchell Gardens Slinfold.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Slinfold Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal but have expressed that it would be better to undertake the works later in the year; this has been relayed to the applicant.

No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:

1. The trees that are the subject of this application are two Oaks. One is situated on the eastern boundary of the applicants' property, with the second located to the south on land under the ownership of Saxon Weald Homes. The constraint is TPO/0759, and the works relate to trees T3 and T4 of the Order.

2. Both trees have been subject to previous surgery works, managed on a cyclical pruning regime to control their size and form in relation to their proximity to the dwellings to the north and east.

3. Both trees are visible when viewed from the south, from the communal garden and parking areas of the adjacent flats, and they provide a fair level of amenity and landscape value.

4. With regard to T4, since the last works were completed in 2020, it has recovered well and has produced approximately 2 m of dense new growth, displaying good vitality. Given the time that has passed since the previous works, I do not consider that the proposed works will have a detrimental impact on the overall condition of the tree. It is acknowledged that they will temporarily reduce the amenity value it affords to the area; however, the tree will develop a fresh new crown in due course.

5. T3 has also been subject to previous works to manage its size and form in relation to its proximity to No. 6 Mitchell Gardens. It appears to have recovered well from these works. However, the proposed 4 m crown reduction exceeds what would be necessary to address the stated reasons for the works. As such, the crown reduction to T3 shall be restricted to a more appropriate 2.5–3 m.

6. It is considered that the proposed works are reasonable and justified and will not cause any long-term harm to the character or amenities of the locality.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*

2. TR3 *Treeworks limit (standard)*

2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*

The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:

- T4 Crown reduce tree all-round by trimming branches to the existing pruning/growth points by up to no more than 2m, leaving a well-balanced crown. Remove epicormic growth to crown brake and thin internal crown by no more than 15%.
- T3 Crown reduce tree all-round by trimming branches to suitable growth points by up to no more than 2.5 to 3m where needed to balance the crown. Remove epicormic growth to crown brake and thin internal crown by no more than 15%.

Reason for the avoidance of doubt.

3. TR4 *Surgery standards*

TINF1 *Note to applicant.*

TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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Authorising Officer sign.....ANBU..... **Arboricultural Officer (Strategic Planning).**

Date.....10 Apr 26...