DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/1334: 3 Greenacre Close Storrington RH20 4QG**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Storrington and Sullington Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal, subject to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
A single representation of support, submitted by a neighbouring resident has been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees Oak subject of this application are both located within the applicant's rear garden and are protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO/0584. The proposed works relate to Trees T6 and T7 of the Order.

2. While it is considered that the proposed works are reasonable and justified and would not result in harm to the character or visual amenities of the locality. It is noted that, due to their close proximity, the two trees are perceived as a single landscape feature rather than as individual specimens. Accordingly, care should be taken to ensure that the extent of pruning does not unduly diminish the collective public amenity value that the trees provide.

3. It is also noted that the more southerly of the two trees has previously been subject to relatively robust pruning on its eastern aspect, likely in response to encroachment towards the adjacent property. As such, whilst the proposed works are generally considered reasonable and justified, the existing crown structure and extent of retained live growth should be carefully taken into account when undertaking further pruning. Particular care should be exercised on the eastern side of the crown to avoid excessive canopy loss and to ensure that a satisfactory level of foliage cover is retained, thereby maintaining the tree's health, vitality and overall amenity contribution.

4. Whilst the proposed management works are generally considered acceptable, it is considered appropriate to moderate the extent of pruning in order to retain a fuller crown form and safeguard long-term amenity. Given the previous pruning history of the southerly tree, a more restrained approach is considered particularly important. As such, any crown reduction should be limited to the trimming of branches back to suitable growth points by no more than 2.0-2.5 metres where necessary, thereby achieving the stated management objectives whilst maintaining the trees' contribution to the wider landscape and preserving their collective visual presence within 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:

- Crown reduce Tree T6 by trimming branches back to suitable growth points by up to 2.0-2.5 metres where necessary to achieve a balanced crown form.

- Crown reduce Tree T7 by trimming branches back to suitable growth points by up to 2.0-2.5 metres where necessary to achieve a balanced crown form.

- In undertaking the above works, particular regard shall be given to the existing crown structure of the more southerly tree (T7), which has previously been subject to more extensive pruning on its eastern aspect. Pruning on this side shall be restricted as necessary to retain an appropriate level of live foliage cover and maintain the tree's health, vitality and amenity value.

Reason: To ensure that the approved works are undertaken to an appropriate standard, to safeguard the health and long-term vitality of the trees.

3. TR4 *Surgery standards*
TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……16 Oct 26…….