

CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/26/0024: Greets House 9 Friday Street Warnham.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Warnham Parish Council has indicated an objection to this notification, on the grounds that "that there is a TPO on the tree and would make a mockery of the order. The tree would benefit from sympatric pruning. The tree has been confirmed disease free and therefore should not be felled."

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

ASSESSMENT:

1. The tree that is the subject of this notification is a semi-mature Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*). It is approximately 30–40 years old, around 10 m in height, and has been subject to robust historic surgery works to lift the crown, prevent lateral growth from extending to the east, and manage its size. However, these works have altered the tree's form, and it does not represent a good example of the species with regards to its form.

2. The tree is not subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), but due to the location of the notifier's property within the Warnham Conservation Area, it is subject to statutory controls relating to trees with a stem diameter greater than 7.5 cm at 1.5 m above ground level, when they are located within a Conservation Area. In such instances, owners of trees meeting this threshold are required to submit a Section 211 Notice and give the Council six weeks' notice before undertaking any works to the tree or trees in question.

3. The notifier intends to fell the willow tree due to concerns regarding tannins in the catkins (flowers) staining a nearby paved area around their swimming pool.

4. The willow is in the rear garden of the property and is set back from the main area of public activity within the Conservation Area, Friday Street to the north, by roughly 60 m. The upper 1–2 m of the tree can be briefly glimpsed through a break in the property line between Nos. 9 and 11 Friday Street when looking southwards from the public footway adjacent to the main vehicular access for No. 9.

5. However, due to the built form of the surrounding properties, views of the tree in its entirety from within the public realm and the wider Conservation Area are non-existent. It is acknowledged that the tree can be viewed from within neighbouring private residential properties. Nevertheless, its quality as a standalone landscape feature that provides high, or even good, levels of public amenity value is limited. Its amenity contribution, when assessed within the local landscape context, is very localised and largely confined to residents of the adjacent properties to the east and west.

6. It is not considered that the removal of the tree will result in any significant or noticeable wider impact upon the character or amenities of the Conservation Area, due to its limited public visibility when viewed from within the public areas of the Conservation Area.

7. Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to protect the tree by means of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to prevent the works being completed as proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection to notification.

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

Date.....08 Apr 26...