

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0642: 7 Sainsburys Supermarket, Car Park Worthing Road Horsham**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Denne Neighbourhood Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal, wishing to defer to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.

1 additional representation have been received in respect of this application; the resident has not objected to the works, but they have highlighted some wildlife concerns.

ASSESSMENT:

1. The trees that are the subject of this application are located within an area of public open space to the south of the Sainsbury's supermarket on Worthing Road, Horsham. The site is subject to the Large Area Tree Preservation Order (Ref: TPO/0795), which was served on 01/09/1994.

2. This application has arisen following a full safety survey undertaken by Gristwood & Toms on behalf of J Sainsbury PLC, who instructed them to assess the trees within the grounds of A0391 Horsham, 7 Worthing Road, Horsham, RH12 1SQ. The survey was commissioned in order to fulfil the company's obligations as tree owners under the Occupiers' Liability Acts of 1957 and 1984.

3. The application seeks consent to remove one Alder, one Willow, and four Ash trees, and to undertake surgical works on one additional Ash. The proposed works are considered proportionate, necessary, and consistent with sound arboricultural management, as the subject trees are either declining or dead. The proposals place a clear emphasis on addressing public safety risks while maintaining overall canopy cover. Given the high level of public access and the presence of identified defects, particularly among dead and declining trees, the works are justified.

4. It is acknowledged that, due to the nature of the works, there will be some impact on the character and amenity of the locality. As such, it is considered necessary and appropriate to secure replacement tree planting for each of the trees to be removed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

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| 1. TR2 | <i>Time limit, 2 years</i> |
| 2. TR3 | <i>Treeworks limit (standard)</i> |
| 2. TR8 | <i>Replacement tree(more than one tree)</i> |
| 3. TR4 | <i>Surgery standards</i> |
| TINF1 | <i>Note to applicant.</i> |
| TINF2 | <i>Wildlife protection.</i> |

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

Date.....18 Jun 26