CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/25/0004: St Catherines, Monkmead Lane, West Chiltington.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
West Chiltington Parish Council has indicated made comments neither objecting to or supporting the notification and have stated the following: "***The Parish Council requests that the tree officer visit the site and ensure that re-planting is carried out as far as possible to retain and protect the verdant nature of the conservation area."***
No additional formal representations have been received in respect of this notification.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees the subject of this Conservation Area Notification are located with the curtilage of the notifier's residence St Catherines on Monkmead Lane. the property benefits from a large and diverse collation of trees and shrubs located on its boundaries and at various locations within in the front and rear gardens.

2. The trees with the area listed as Group 1, 8 x Leyland cypress, are best described as a lapsed hedge, which due to a lack of management have grown into a line of trees. None of the trees with the group has any special merit, nor are they visible from the main area of public activity to the south on Monkmead Lane, due to the existing trees and shrubs at the front of the property. As such their removal will not be overly noticeable, and won't result in any significant landscape harm.

3. The trees with the area listed as Group 2, are a mix of young drawn-up self-set trees consisting of Holly, Laurel and Sorbus species trees and a single Oak sapling. Due to their location in the southeast corner of the property, and the mature tree coverage in the area, none of the trees are visible from any public right of way, as such their removal will not have any wider landscape impact.

4. The Ash indicated for removal, is located on the bounder with the adjacent property Little Hatch, directly behind the garage of the property. The tree is a young multi-stem specimen, which appears to have regrown/coppiced from an old ash stump. The tree's crown is showing signs of infection with Ash dieback, a chronic fungal disease of ash trees in Europe characterised by leaf loss and crown dieback in infected trees. There is a high number of trees in the area where the tree is located, except for The adjacent property the tree can not be seen from any public viewpoints in the area, and there will be no wider landscape harm as a result of its removal.

5. The proposed works to the young Oak adjacent to the main vehicle access for the property are reasonable and justified and will not cause harm to the character and amenities of the locality.

6. Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to protect at trees at the property with a Tree Preservation Order 9TPO) to prevent the works from being completed as proposed

RECOMMENDATION:
No objection to notification.

Authorising Officer sign……ANBU……***Arboricultural Officer(***

Date……04 Jun 18……