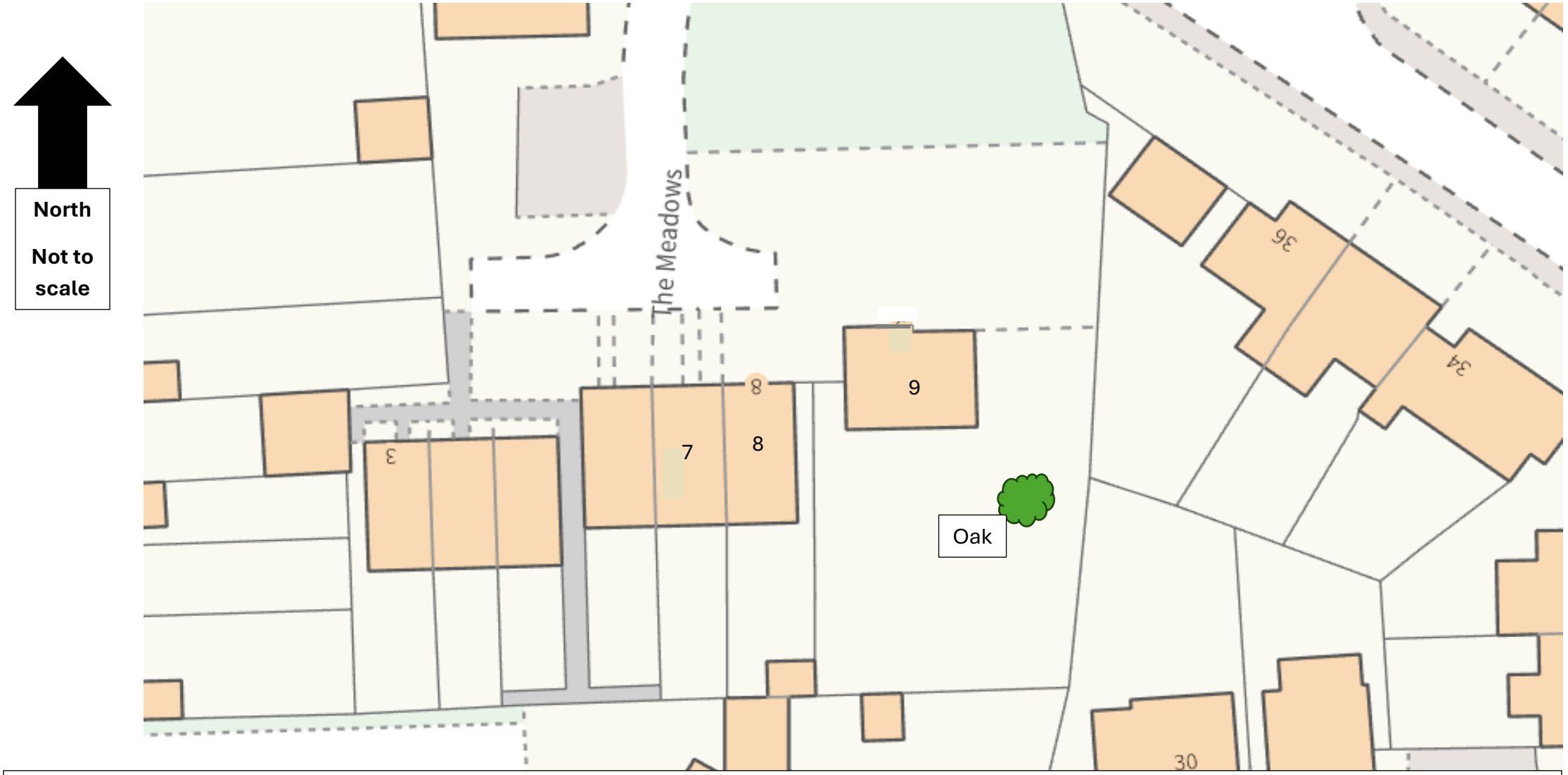

The subject tree is an English oak, approximately 12m in height with a DBH of approximately 38cm, in the rear garden of 9 The Meadows, Horsham, RH13 9AB. The Eastern half of the crown consists of 3 dead limbs, approximately 15-20cm in diameter. The western half of the crown is over crowded with epicormic growth, indicative of stress, which extends down to main stem to approximately 1.8m from ground level. The circumference of the main stem at 40cm from ground level was measured at 1,055cm, 1,000cm of which is covered with necrotic bark separated from the stem with no cambium layer, leaving 55cm, or one third of the cambium intact. Exposed sections of inner wood show signs of decay and discolouration. The northern aspect of the stem is displaying dark exudation staining, both in strips up to 50cm in horizontal length, and circular spots approximately 1-2cm in diameter. Inserting a metal probe perpendicularly into the ground at a distance of approximately 1-2 cm from the tree, indicates that there are no roots within the circumference of the stem at ground level, down to a depth of 25cm, around approximate 70% of the circumference.

The tree will be felled on health and safety grounds, due to the lack of supporting root structure and the high-risk hazard posed to life and property.