DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/0136: 27 East Street Billingshurst.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Billingshurst Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree the subject of this application is a mature Ash, located in the rear garden of the applicants with the Billingshurst Conservation Area, recently protected under TPO/1568 following a section 211 notice being received to remove it.

2. The tree in question has a good level of public visibility and amenity worth when viewed from within the public domain. The principal views of the tree are from the north, due to a brake in the property line of the dwellings in Caffyns Rise. Because of its elevated position at the northern end of the rear garden , it forms a significant part of the local landscape character. It exhibits a classic tall, upright form with a pleasant well-balanced crown, and although not yet in full leaf, it appears to be healthy.

3. The proposed works are to reduce the crown by 50% (Pollard) and remove 2 x laterals to the east of the garden of 29 East Street. The justification provided for the works appears to be based on the concerns of the adjacent properties with shade provided by the tree and general tree-related detritus falling, such as leaves and twigs.

4. The proposed works would result in the removal of the majority of the crown back to the main stem to achieve a 50% reduction. This action would result in the direct loss of amenity to the area, and the size of the pruning wounds would act as an open door to tree decay pathogens, bringing the works into conflict with industry best practice as advised in BS3998 Tree Works Recommendations 2010.

5. Given the impact on the tree health and the good level of amenity is currently providing to the Conservation Area. It is considered to be necessary and appropriate to restrict the works to a full crown reduction of only 2m, and the removal of the two low lateral branches on the eastern side of the lower crown.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
   The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
   - Crown reduce tree all-round by trimming branches to suitable growth points (where possible) by up to no more than 2m to 2.5m where needed, leaving a well-balanced crown.
   - Remove two low lateral branches on the eastern side of the tree back to the point of attachment.

   Reason: for the avoidance of doubt
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*

TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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Authorising Officer sign……WIJO……..***Arboricultural Officer (Development).***

Date……25 Apr 18……