

CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/26/0048: Chapel View The Street Slinfold.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Slinfold Parish Council has indicated an objection to this notification for the following reasons:

"This tree is prominent in the street scene of Slinfold, particularly visible from The Street and Lyons Road and contributes significantly to the visual amenity of the Slinfold Conservation Area. The proposed works would unbalance the tree and, therefore, the Council recommends waiting until autumn and performing a crown reduction which aligns with standard arboricultural practices"

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

ASSESSMENT:

The Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) tree the subject of this notification is a mature specimen protected by its location within the Conservation Area. Despite its rear garden setting, the tree is visible due to a break in the built form between adjacent properties along the street, affording it a degree of localised amenity value. Views of the tree are also available from Lyons Road to the southeast; however, from this aspect it is seen within the context of wider tree cover and does not form a prominent individual feature. The principal views of the tree form within the public domain are from the east on the adjacent cricket pitch.

The proposed works comprise a reduction of the north-facing crown to manage lateral branch overhang above the adjacent garage. Records indicate that comparable works have been undertaken previously, albeit some years ago under notification ref. DC/09/0572. The tree has responded well and is presently exhibiting good vigour and vitality, which is encouraging given the species.

The comments of the Parish Council regarding the potential appearance of the tree following the works are noted. It is acknowledged that the proposed works will temporarily alter the tree's symmetry; however, they are not considered likely to result in any significant or lasting adverse impact. The species' fast growth habit coupled with the tree's positive response to previous works indicate that a balanced form will be restored over time.

With regard to recommendations on timing and alternative works, it should be noted that under a Section 211 notification the Council cannot impose conditions, amend the proposals, or require a different specification. Advice has been provided to the notifier, and they have expressed that it is their intention to complete the works in the autumn. However, the Council cannot insist that the works form part of a wider programme, such as a full crown reduction.

It is not considered that the works to the tree in question will result in any significant or lasting adverse impact upon the character and amenities of the Conservation Area.

Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to protect it by a tree preservation order.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection to notification.

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

Date.....22 Jun 26.....