DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/0633: Peartree Cottage, Stane Street, North Heath.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Pulborough Parish Council have registered an objection to the proposed works on the based on the lack of detail in the application to why the work is required and the extent of the work.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1 The tree the subject of this application is a large mature oak, situated on the northern boundary of Old School Cottage, adjoining the main vehicle access for Stone House Farm to the northeast. It has a broad spreading form, and a stem diameter at 1.5m above ground level of 165cm, suggesting that it could be in excess of 300 years old.

2. Records show that the top of the tree was blown out in 1987, and from what was observed on site it is apparent that this was the case, in the past, the tree has been subject to fairly robust surgery works to help rectify the storm damage; from which it appears to have recovered well from displaying good vigour. Some dead wood small to medium dead wood was visible throughout the crown but given the age of the tree, this is not considered to be uncommon or a cause for any immediate concern.

3. Despite being a substantial tree, views from the main areas of public activity/visibility to the west on Stain Street are limited, partly due to the additional mature tree coverage in the area, nonetheless, due to its age and size the tree does have a good level of landscape, and amenity value, albeit localised.

4. The proposed works are to reduce the tree's entire crown by up to 3m, and thin the crown by up to 10%. Some works could be undertaken to manage the tree for size and form due to its location and impact on the adjacent residential dwellings in the area.

5. The proposed works appear reasonable, and subject to them being completed in accordance with best arboricultural practice, they will not harm the tree nor how it is viewed with the local landscape context and appear reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2	*Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3	*Treeworks limit (standard)*
3. TR4	*Surgery standards*
TINF1	*Note to applicant.*
TINF2	*Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……17Jul 24…