DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/1254: Hills View, 31 Coombe Drove, Bramber.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Bramber parish has stated an objection to this proposal, on the grounds that tree is subject to a TPO and looks very healthy. They saw no good reason why it should be felled.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree the subject of this application is a Sycamore, sited in a central location in the garden of the applicant's property. Despite being of a fair size and form, due to the built form of the dwellings in the area, coupled with the additional mature tree coverage views of the tree from the main areas of public activity, Coombe Drove to the north, are limited as such the tree does not stand out as an individual specimen in its own right.

2. The constraint is TPO/0145, an area order dating from 1962. The tree is therefore solely protected by default because of its location within the designated boundaries of the order rather than on its own merit.

3. While the justification for the tree's removal is limited, and despite its fair size and health, this tree only makes a small contribution to the area's visual amenity; it is more of a background tree that blends in with the other mature trees at the property. If it were felled, the loss would not be particularly noticeable and there would beno significant loss or impact on the wider landscape. As such the tree does not have sufficient public amenity value, to justify its continued protection.

4. Given the recent tree planting at the front of the property and in the rear garden, coupled with the retained protected trees at the property it is not considered to be necessary or appropriate to secure a replacement tree by condition

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……22 Oct 24…