DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/1049: 9 Woodland Way Horsham.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
North Horsham Parish Council has no objection to this proposal, subject to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees subject of this application are to two mature English Oak trees situated in prominent roadside location at the front of the applicant property9 Woodland Way Horsham. The trees are subject to statutory protection under Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.0696/1990, designation T7 and T8 of the Order.

2. The proposed works seek consent to crown reduce both trees by way of a 40% (3m) for the larger of the two trees and a 30% (2-2.5m). in addition. They would also like to remove the epicormic growth up to the crown of the Tree. The trees have both been subject to previous reduction works to manage their size with regard to their location, from which they appear to have recovered well from; both trees are displaying good Vigor and leaf density.

3. With regard to the proposed crown reductions, it is noted that the works to the trees would extend beyond the existing pruning points. Such an approach would not accord with the current industry best practice, as outlined within BS 3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations. Excessive reduction beyond previous pruning positions can lead to unnecessary large wound surfaces, increased potential for decay, and the production of excessive reaction regrowth, all of which may compromise the long-term condition and appearance of the trees.

4. Accordingly, while a reduction may be appropriate to manage the crown, it is recommended that the extent of works be limited to a lighter intervention that reflects the tree's historic pruning points. This approach would ensure continuity of good arboricultural management, maintain a natural crown form, and secure the ongoing health and amenity value of the tree, in line with both best practice guidance and the statutory protection afforded by the Tree Preservation Order.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
3. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
- Crown reduce both trees all round by trimming branches back to the established pruning/ growth points, leaving a well-balanced crown.

Reason: for the avoidance of doubt
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*
TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……28 Aug 25…