

CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/26/0102: The Old School House, Church Street, West Chiltington.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

No representations have been received in respect of this notification.

ASSESSMENT:

1. The subject of this notification is a Beech tree situated within the rear garden of the notifier's property. The tree currently stands at approximately 8 metres in height as a result of previous management works, which have resulted in a compact, short and stout form rather than the appearance typically associated with a mature Beech tree.

2. Owing to the position of the dwelling and the presence of additional vegetation within both the front and rear garden areas, views of the tree from the main areas of public activity along Church Street are relatively limited. From this viewpoint, only the uppermost one to two metres of the canopy can generally be seen above the roofline of the property. The tree can also be glimpsed from the adjacent churchyard, where a greater proportion of the crown is visible. However, due to the extent of previous pruning works, the tree presents more as a managed shrub or hedge than a specimen tree of notable visual prominence.

3. Additional views are available from Church Grove to the west of the property, with the nearest dwelling, No. 6 Church Grove, situated approximately 7 metres from the base of the tree. Similar to views from Church Street, only the uppermost portion of the canopy is visible above the surrounding rooflines when viewed from this location.

4. As such, the tree's amenity value within the local landscape and its contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area are considered to be relatively localised and confined largely to its immediate surroundings. Whilst it is acknowledged that the removal of the tree would result in some loss of visual amenity, this impact is considered to be modest when viewed within the wider context of the Conservation Area as a whole. It is therefore considered that the removal of the tree would not give rise to any significant wider landscape or amenity impacts.

5. Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to protect it by a tree preservation order (TPO) to prevent the works being completed as proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection to notification.

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

Date.....08 Oct 26.....