CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/24/0006: Thrums, Westward Lane, West Chiltington, RH20 2PA.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
West Chiltington Parish Council has indicated that they wish to defer to the consideration of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
2 x representations of support have been received in respect of this notification, and 1 x representation of objection.

The objection has been based on the species of the tree being incorrectly identified on the application form; this is not considered to represent a material consideration in determining this Conservation Area notification. Whereby the Council has two options, the first being to TPO to tree to prevent its removal, and the second being to register no objection to the proposals and allow the works to proceed. The justification needed to serve a new TPO upon a tree is based on the level of public visual amenity value that a tree provides to an area regardless of the species.

ASSESSMENT:
The tree the subject of this application, is a semi mature twin stem Maple spp, located partly within the boundary hedge between the notifier's property Thrums, Westward Lane and Fir trees to the east.

Despite being of a fair size and form, due to the built form of the dwellings in the area, coupled with the additional nearby mature tree coverage views of the tree from the main areas of public activity to the south on Westward Lane, are very limited and the tree can only be briefly glimpsed through the gap between the two properties. As such the tree does not stand out as an individual specimen in its own right.

This tree only makes a small contribution to the area's visual amenity; it is more of a background tree, If it were felled, the loss would not be particularly noticeable and there would be no significant loss or impact on the wider landscape. As such the tree does not have sufficient public amenity value, to justify protect it by a tree preservation order (TPO) to prevent the works from being undertaken as proposed .

RECOMMENDATION:
No objection to notification.

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

Date…25 Oct 24……