

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0902: 32 Greenfinch Way, Horsham**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

North Horsham Parish Council has stated 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 subject tree is a mature oak located within the rear garden of the applicant's property. The tree is exhibiting advanced symptoms of physiological decline, characterised by a sparse crown with approximately 30% foliage remaining and a substantial quantity of standing deadwood throughout the canopy. Furthermore, fungal fruiting bodies consistent with *Ganoderma* spp. are present at the base of the stem, indicating ongoing decay of the lower stem and/or root system. These factors collectively suggest a significant deterioration in the tree's condition.

2. Consequently, whilst it is recognised that the proposed works do not strictly accord with the principles of best arboricultural practice, the tree's current condition represents an exceptional circumstance. In light of the advanced decline evident throughout the crown and the presence of *Ganoderma* spp. at the base of the stem, it is considered reasonable to permit a comparatively severe reduction with the objective of retaining the tree in some form, thereby balancing amenity considerations against the need for ongoing risk management.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

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

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

Date.....04 Aug 26....