DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/1469: Delancey Court, Wimblehurst Road, 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 It is considered that the proposed works to T1 (Beech) are reasonable in principle to provide additional clearance from the adjacent building. However, it is noted that suitable existing growth points are present at approximately 2 metres beyond the current crown extent on the eastern side of the tree. As such, extending pruning cuts beyond these existing growth points to achieve the full 3 metre reduction would not represent best arboricultural practice as set out in **BS3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations**, and would be likely to result in unnecessarily large pruning wounds to a protected tree.

2. Whilst the objective of achieving additional clearance is acknowledged, the presence of suitable growth points at approximately 2 metres means that a 3-metre reduction cannot be robustly justified on arboricultural grounds. A reduction to suitable growth points at around 2 metres would represent a more appropriate specification, balancing the applicant's requirements with the long-term retention, condition and amenity value of this protected tree.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
   The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
   - T1 (Beech): Remove the lower eastern lateral branch back to the main stem, which extends towards the corner of the adjacent building. Reduce the mid and upper eastern side of the crown by up to 1 metre to suitable live growth points. Reduce the lower eastern crown by up to 2 metres to suitable live growth points.

   Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of protecting the amenity, health and long-term retention of the tree subject to the Tree Preservation Order.
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*

TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……20 Nov 26…