DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/0050: James Searle Industrial Estate, Parsonage 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, and if the application is permitted, they would support replacement native tree planting for the trees indicated for removal.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees the subject of this application are mature Oaks located at various locations within the industrial estate. The constraint is TPO/0093, an Area order served on 01/12/1646. The trees in question are located within the area A1 of the order.

2. Trees T1 & T2 are both located on the northeastern boundary of the estate abutting the fairly recent residential development in the northern section of Ringley Road. Both trees have been heavily reduced over the years, and they have a short squat appearance. The principal views of the tree when observed from the public domain are from the east within Ringley Road and the west within the industrial estate. When viewed from these aspects the trees are visible, and they have a fair level of amenity worth when viewed within the local landscape context. T3 and T4 are located to the northwest of 62 Ringley Road, uninterrupted views of the tree can be sought from the west within the industrial estate, although from further afield within the public domain views of the tree are limited.

3. The proposed surgery works to trees T3 and T4 appear reasonable and justified and will not cause harm to the character and amenities of the locality.

4. The applicant seeks consent to fell T1 &T2 due to concerns with their physiological/structural condition, and their proximity to the nearby habitat dwellings, following the recent failure of a mature Oak sited between T1 & T2.

5. At the base of T1 on the western side of the trunk, at 40cm above ground level are the fungal fruiting bodies (FFB) of the tree decay fungi ***Ganoderma resinaceum*** a species of fungi attributed to a selective white rot of wood in the host tree. It can cause basal cavity formation, and also subterranean decay on the tree's roots. When taped with a sounding mallet there is a clear change in tone in the area around the FFB, this runs upwards, more than 60cm, and down to ground level, suggesting that the internal structure of the tree around the FFB has been affected by the fungi. The tree's crown is also displaying symptoms consistent with fungal decay whereby there is tip die back and sizable dead wood present throughout.

6. As such given the tree's high target location with parking bays for the properties in Ringley Road only a few metres to the east it is considered that the removal of this tree is justified on safety grounds.

7. T2 is located a few meters to the west of 62 Ringley Road, on the northern side of the main stem is a large wound measuring 1.5m in length and around 70cm in width. Although no FFBs were observed there were signs of decay in a significant buttress root, on the eastern side, and die back in the crown. As with T1 regrettably, it would now be prudent to remove the tree on safety grounds, before its condition worsens.

8 It is accepted that the removal of T1 & T2 will result in a loss of amenity to the area; therefore, it is considered to be necessary and appropriate to secure replacement trees by condition.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3 *Tree Work Limit - Standard*
2. TR8 *Replacement (More than one tree)*

Following the removal of the trees to be felled under this consent, (oaks T1 and T2) the specified heavy standard nursery stock(minimally 12-14cm in girth and 3 – 3.5m in height) 2 x replacements of the following specie: English oak (Quercus robur); shall be planted in the specified position within 6 months of the date of this consent. In the event that either of these trees should die following planting, they shall be replaced with a similar tree in a similar position within six months of their death. Reason; in the interests of amenity and policy 33 of the HDPF

3. TR4 *Surgery standards*
TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……26 Mar 25……