DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO:**DC/24/1305: Land On North Side of, St Marks Lane, Horsham.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
North Horsham Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal, wishing to defer to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
No representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. This large schedule of works refers to a long line of trees planted along the southern boundary of the residential areas to the north Byron and Coleridge Closes. Planted specifical to screen the development from the south. The trees in question were protected by TPO/1072 the 19th of January 2001.

2. Historically works to the trees in question have been considered expedient as although the retention of the screen is of principal importance, a number of the large climax species trees such as the Oak, have grown with such vigour that they have started to outgrow their environment. And now require works to ensure that they are appropriately maintained with regard to their size and form, and the impact this has on their immediate surroundings. Therefore, It is considered that the proposed works are reasonable and justified and will not cause harm to the character and amenities of the locality.

3. Of the 9 x Ash indicated for removal, 3 trees are dead, and the remaining are showing signs of infection with Ash die back (ADB) a chronic fungal disease of ash trees in Europe characterised by leaf loss and crown dieback in infected trees. as such their removal is justifiable on condition grounds.

4. Given the limited available space in the area for new trees to successfully establish and the high number of good quality protected trees, it is not considered to be necessary or appropriate to insist on replacement planting.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

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

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

Date……30 Oct 24…