DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/1096: 16 Hernbrook Drive Horsham RH13 6EW**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
FNC has stated the following - Our Tree Officer will seek Andrew Bush advice regarding the felling of this Red Cedar Tree. Unless diseased, the preferred option is tree works.

A single representation of objection has been received in respect of this application. The grounds for the objection have been made due to concerns with the trees age, from and issues with and adjacent footpath.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree the subject of this application is a mature Western red cedar (WRC) located in the rear garden of the applicant's property; it is situated within the area listed as A1 of TPO/0053; the order was confirmed on 21/07/1958. The tree is protected by default of its location.

2. The tree is located at the western end of a line of trees, 3 Yews and the single WRC, the trees are situated at the northern end of the garden abutting the busy St Leonards Road, from which the line of trees are readily visible, and provide a good level of screening from the road and the properties to the north. As a group, the trees at the property have a good level of amenity worth and landscape value, however, due to the planting density of the trees in the line views of the WRC tree, as a standalone specimen are very limited.

3. The applicant sought consent to fell the tree due to its proximity to the westernmost yew tree in the line, which they consider is causing the area to become very congested. This means all three trees are in competition, not allowing any one tree to become a specimen tree.

4. While the justification for the tree's removal is limited, and despite its fair size and health, this tree only makes a small contribution to the area's visual amenity; it is more of a background tree that blends in with the other mature trees at the property. If it were felled, the loss would not be particularly noticeable and, over time the other trees in the line would fill the void caused by the tree's removal, as such it is considered that 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 its continued protection.

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 (Development).***

Date……19 Nov 2024….