DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/0067: Estate Wall, Springfield Park, North Parade, Horsham.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
No representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree the subject of this application is a mature Horse chestnut, located in a prominent position on the eastern boundary of the Springfield Park estate, on North Parade, one of the main atrial routes when heading north out of Horsham. As such, the tree is readily visible in the local street scene and is of high amenity worth when viewed within the local landscape context. The constraint is TPO/0049, served 16/04/1956; the tree is located within the area listed as A1 of the order.

2. At the time of inspection, the tree was entirely defoliated due to the time of year (December 25). The tree has previously been managed for its size and location by way of surgery works, from which it appears to have recovered well. Although of high visual amenity value, the tree is not exceptionally large for the species and is of moderate value in terms of overall form and general quality.

3. This application has arisen following the partial collapse of the listed Springfield Estate boundary wall. The base of the tree is located 40cm from the point of failure on the wall. Since permission was granted to repair the wall under app DC/24/0610, it has become apparent that due to the tree's proximity to the wall, it is not possible to repair it to a safe and acceptable standard, with the tree in situ. Given the walls grade 2 star listing, and the existing planning permission to re-build the wall, in this instance, and on a balanced judgment it is considered that the reasons put forward for the removal of the tree are reasonable and justified.

4. Notwithstanding, It is acknowledged that the removal of the tree will have a negative impact on the character and amenities of the locality due to its species, position and size. To help mitigate the loss the tree shall be secured by condition.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR7 *Replacement (Single Tree)*

Following the removal of the trees to be felled under this consent, the specified Extra heavy standard nursery stock (minimally 12-14cm in girth and 3 – 3.5m in height) 1 x replacements of the following recommended species - Aesculus × carnea - Red horse-chestnut Quercus canariensis - Algerian oak, Quercus suber - Cork oak or Liriodendron tulipifera - Tulip tree; shall be planted in the specified position within 6 months of the date of this consent. In the event that tree tree 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
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*
TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……17 Mar 25…