DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/0004: Rowan Cottage, Thakeham Copse, Storrington.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Washington Parish Council has stated that they wish to defer to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
A single objection has been received in respect of this application. The comments are based on concerns with trees being removed at the applicant's property, and concerns with the loss of a great number of trees in Sussex due to disease.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree the subject of this application is a semi mature oak, located in the rear garden of the property, around 7m from the conservatory on the northern side of the property; the constraint is TPO/0371 an area order confirmed on 22/11/83. The tree is therefore solely protected by default because of its location within the designated boundaries of the order rather than on its own merit.

2. The applicant seeks consent to fell the tree following the recent failure of a significant branch on the southern side of the tree and is concerns with its bias crown and form whereby the majority of the foliage barring branches are located on the southern side of the tree, due to competition with the additional trees at the property.

3. The applicant's garden hosts several trees which range in size and species, which collectively have a good level of amenity value, albeit localised due to the property's location. However, the tree in question is of modest quality, in terms of its form, which limits its ability to reach its full potential, and it has a very limited level of public visibility due to its location in the rear garden of the property. 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, such as the silver birch directly behind the tree in question. If it were felled, the loss would not be particularly noticeable and there would be no significant loss or impact on the wider landscape.

4. Due to the high number of better-quality protected trees at the property 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*
TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……21 Mar 25…