DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/0558: 7 Quarry Way Southwater.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Southwater Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. T The tree subject of this application is a mature Oak located in the rear garden of the applicants' property, 7 Quarry Way. The tree is T7 of TPO/0363, and the order was served on 18-04-84.

2. The tree has a short, squat appearance due to previous surgery works to manage it for size and form regarding its location; the last recorded works were completed under application DC/07/0996. Consent was given on 04-06-2007. The work is due to the presence of Ganoderma spp fungal brackets at the tree's base.

3. On the eastern side of the tree at its base are several FFBs of Ganoderma spp tree decay fungi. Due to the number of FFBs, it is apparent that there are several areas of dysfunction and decay. The significance of this is the unknown extent of the decay in the lower stem, coupled with the tree's location in the garden of a residential property and the safety concerns with the extent of the fungal colonisation at its base, implying that there is the capacity for future failure. As such, further surgery works could not reasonably address these issues. It is accepted that removing the tree on safety ground is a sensible way forward.

4. It is accepted that the removal of the tree will result in some loss of amenity in the area. However, it is considered that the proposed works are reasonable and justified for the reason provided, and overtime as the replacement tree grows into maturity, this harm should be appropriately compensated for.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2	*Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR7	*Replacement (Single Tree)*
3. TR4	*Surgery standards*
TINF1	*Note to applicant.*
TINF2	*Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……28 Jun 24……