DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/0999: 9 The Meadows Southwater RH13 9AB.**

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

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree the subject of this application Is a semi mature oak, located in the rear garden of 9 the Meadows. The tree is listed as T8 of TPO/1305.

2.. Upon inspection, it was evident that the tree was showing signs of major decline, whereby there were patches of dysfunctional necrotic bark, In several locations at the base of the tree and in the lower stem. Evidence of wood boring insects was observed, and signs of several dried-up bleeding cankers in the lower stem. The tree was around 40% foliated, and the southern side of the crown was devoid of any foliage-baring branches. It is clear that this tree is in terminal decline, from which it is unlikely to mount a recovery.

3. Due to the additional mature tree coverage in the immediate area, views of the tree from the public domain are minimal, and it has a modest level of very localised landscape and amenity value. As such, 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 there would be no significant loss or impact on the wider landscape.

4. Accordingly, It is considered that the proposed works are reasonable and justified due to the tree's poor condition and will not cause harm to the character and amenities of the locality.

RECOMMENDATION:
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3 *Treeworks limit (standard)*
2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
   The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
   - Crown reduce tree by trimming lateral branches to growth points by up to
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*

TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……06 Nov 24……