DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO:**DC/24/1817: 2 Beeson House 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road, Southwater.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Southwater Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal.
1 x additional representation of support has been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. This application refers to a large schedule of works to protected trees (TPO/534), within the parcel of Ancient Woodland known as Pond Farm Ghyll, on land under the ownership of Southwater Parish Council . Of the trees include on the survey plan that supports this apclation only refer to trees T51, T52 T53, groups G30, G32, G37, G38, G39 and G40. The proposed works have arisen following a full safety survey of the areas carried out by David Archer Associates, Arboricultural Consultants, on behalf of the applicants, Southwater Parish Council.

2. The survey was instigated given the onset of Chalara ash dieback (Hymenoscyphus fraxineus), which has now started to take an almost comprehensive hold on this species in the south of England and has no 'cure'. Indeed, the great majority of trees within the selected areas that have been targeted for removal are ash, the applicants considering the proximity of these trees to nearby footpaths, private residential and other premises. These works are now required to fulfil their obligations of the Parish Council to ensure that the trees under their ownership are maintained to a safe and reasonable standard; in respect of the 1957 and 1984 Occupiers' Liability Acts.

3. The large number of trees to be felled will certainly influence the woodland density (in terms of climaxsize trees), and will inevitably result in some loss of amenity, in places. However, the works are entirely justified, the works specification reflecting a professional analysis of the condition of trees inspected in accordance with BS 3998 'Tree Work - Recommendations' (2010) and BS 5837 'Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction - Recommendations' (2012). I accordingly recommend that this application be permitted, the applicants lauded for taking a positive and responsible attitude towards management of their tree stock.

4. Given the woodland context of most of the trees to be felled, it is not considered that a condition requiring replacement planting is necessary or appropriate.

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……25 Apr 18……