DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/0007: 60 Ringley Road Horsham.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
North Horsham Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal, subject to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer, and on the grounds that a native replacement tree is planted.
1 x representation of support has been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees the subject of this application are situated on the eastern boundary of the applicants' property. They form part of a row of old field boundary trees that abut the rear gardens of the several properties in Foxleigh Chase to the east, and are they considered to have moderate level localised amenity value.

2. The constraint is TPO/0093 a large area order served on 01/12/1964, the trees in question are located within the area A1 of the TPO.

3. The tree referenced as T1, T2 and T4 are proposed to be felled due to concerns with their condition, and proximity to the dwellings in the area. The proposed works to T3 are to crown reduce the tree by 3m.

4. T2, is a young slender tree poorly formed tree sited 1m to the south of T1, this tree is not old enough to have been present on the designated area on the 01/12/1964 and post-dated the TPO; it is an unprotected tree, and its removal will not result in any significant landscape harm of loss of amenity to the area.

5. T1 and T4 are of an age to be covered by the order and are protected by it. T1 is located in the rear garden of no.60, it is located 4m to the east of the garage at the property, and there is a small retaining wall located at 1.5m from its base to the west; it is evident that there has been fairly substantial land level changes at the base of the tree. There is a larger section of necrotic dysfunctional bark at its base, since a previous inspection in late 2020, the extent of the necrosis and bark loss has worsened over the last 4 years, and the crown is displaying signs of decline consistent with root damage.

6. T4 is located to the south of no 60, on a parcel of amenity grass. There is sizable sections of dead wood with the crown, which is also heavy bias to the south due to the better established T3. The tree appears to be in decile, from which it is unlikely to mount a recovery, as such it would be prudent to remove and replace the tree.

7. T3 is the principal tree in the area, it has a pleasant compact form and make a meaningful contribution to the character and amenities of the locality, it appear to be in good health. Since the last works were undertaken in late 2020, it has only put out around 1m of new growth. To undertake a 3m reduction at this time would not represent best arboricultural practice, due to size of the pruning wounds that the works cause, which would result in harm to the tree. In addition, a 3m crown reduction would drastically alter how the tree is viewed with in the local landscape context and result in a loss of amenity to the area. The tree has not developed enough new growth to warrant a reduction back to the existing pruning points at the moment. Therefore, the works to this tree shall be refused on the grounds of insufficient justification for the works which would result in a loss of amenity to the area.

RECOMMENDATION:
Split Decision - Whereby the works to T1, T2, and T4 are permitted subject to the conditions below, and the works to T3 are refused on the grounds of of insufficient justification for the works which would result in a loss of amenity to the area.
Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
   The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
   - Fell T1, T2 and T4 to ground level. NO works permitted to T3.

   Rason: for the avoidance of doubt
3. TR7 Replacement *(Single tree)*

TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

DELEGATED

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

Date……2/ Mar 25……