CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/0113: Crofters Wood, Meadow House, Bramber.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Bramber Parish Council has indicated no objection to this notification.
No additional representations have been received in respect of this notification.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees the subject of this notification are located in a prominent position, adjacent to the busy main road through the village (The Street) and the primary access for the notifier's property, Meadow House; as such, the trees that fall within the area listed as G1 on the supporting plan do have a good level of public visibility when viewed within the local landscape context.

2. The works proposed refer to the removal of 9 x Leyland Cypress trees (leylandii) that form what is essentially a large evergreen hedge, as well as some additional surgery works to a single leylandii at the northern end of the group.

3. The notifier has provided a robust replanting proposal for the area where the existing hedge is located. The replacement trees are a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees. It is acknowledged that the removal of the 9 x leylandii will result in some loss of amenity to the area due to their age, size and form. However, the trees that form the hedge are not considered to be particularly good examples of the species, and due to how they have been managed (as a hedge), they will never reach their full potential, and over time, as the replacement trees grow up into maturity, they should reinstate a similar level of amenity that the hedge in question provided to the character and amenities of the Conservation Area

4. Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to protect the above trees with a tree preservation order (TPO) to prevent the works from proceeding.
RECOMMENDATION:
No objection to notification.

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

Date……04 Mar 24…