DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/1058: Land to the entrance of Fincham Mews Hayes Lane Slinfold**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Steyning Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal, wishing to defer to the considerations of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
No representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees the subject of this application is a mature Horse Chestnut located in a prominent roadside location at the entrance of Fincham Mews Hayes Lane Slinfold. The tree is subject to statutory protection under Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.0947/98, designation T1 of the Order.

2. The applicants seek consent to re-pollard the tree due to concerns with branches touching the telephone and power cables, neighbouring property and is overhanging both driveways of the nearby properties.

3. The tree has historically been managed as a pollard, and this cycle of works is consistent with its established management regime. While it is acknowledged that the current pollarding could have been undertaken at an earlier stage, the proposed works remain appropriate and in keeping with the tree's long-term management.

4. The nature of pollarding inevitably results in a temporary reduction of the tree's canopy, and it is recognised that this action will diminish the amenity value that the tree affords to the area in the immediate term. However, this impact is a short-lived consequence of the management technique, and as the tree responds and new growth develops, the visual presence and amenity value of the tree will be restored and enhanced.

5. In this instance, the proposed re-pollarding is considered the most suitable means of ensuring the tree's continued safe retention, while maintaining its historic form and long-term contribution to the landscape.
Therefore, it is considered that the proposed works are reasonable and will not cause any long-term to the tree or the 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)*
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……