

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0728: 90 Wallis Way, Horsham, West Sussex.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

North Horsham Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal, subject to the considerations of the HDC tree officer and they have expressed a desire to see a new tree planted.

No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:

1. The tree subject to this application is a mature Oak situated in a prominent position within the rear garden of the applicant's property. Upon inspection, it was evident that the tree is in terminal decline, from which recovery is considered highly unlikely.

2. Around the base of the tree, numerous fruiting bodies of *Gymnopus fusipes* (Spindle Toughshank) were present around the base of the tree. This species is recognised as a root and buttress pathogen causing Collybia root rot, resulting in the progressive degradation of structural roots and a corresponding reduction in anchorage.

3. Given the extent of crown dieback, standing deadwood and limited remaining foliar area, the fungal colonisation is well established and indicative of advanced decline. The presence of this fungus raises concerns regarding the tree's long-term structural integrity and increases the likelihood of root plate failure, particularly during adverse weather conditions

4. The tree now retains approximately 5% foliar cover, limited largely to epicormic regrowth. Given its condition and its location approximately six metres from the applicant's dwelling within a built-up residential area, its removal is regrettably considered necessary on health and safety grounds.

5. In considering replacement planting, regard has been given to the presence of an adjacent protected tree, also within the applicant's ownership, together with the limited available space within the rear garden to accommodate a meaningful replacement. In these circumstances, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to require replacement planting, given the constraints of the site and the presence of the existing mature tree.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

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| 1. TR2 | <i>Time limit, 2 years</i> |
| 2. TR3 | <i>Treeworks limit (standard)</i> |
| 3. TR4 | <i>Surgery standards</i> |
| TINF1 | <i>Note to applicant.</i> |
| TINF2 | <i>Wildlife protection.</i> |

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

Date.....03 Jul 26...