CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/25/0143: St Marys Church Causeway Horsham.**

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

ASSESSMENT:
The veteran red oak located within the churchyard has been subject to repeated works in the past aimed at managing its gradual decline. Despite these interventions, the tree's decline has recently accelerated, evidenced by numerous fungal fruiting bodies present on the main stem, indicating internal decay and compromised structural integrity.

Given its location within an area of relatively high footfall, the tree currently represents an increased risk to public safety. Monolithing, the tree is considered an appropriate arboricultural management measure under these circumstances, as it seeks to retain the veteran tree in a safe form while mitigating the risk posed by its declining physiological and structural condition. This approach balances the preservation of the tree's ecological and heritage value with the safety requirements of the site

Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to protect the tree with a tree preservation order (TPO) to prevent the works being completed as proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:
No objection to notification.

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

Date……06 Jan 26…