DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/25/0928: Limetrees Kentwyns Drive Horsham.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
No representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:
1. The tree subject of this application is a mature Lime tree situated in the front garden of Limetrees Kentwyns Drive Horsham. The tree is subject to statutory protection under Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 0208/74, designation A1 of the Order.

2. The works requested are to reduce the crown in hight by approximately 7-8 meter and lateral branch length by approximately 4-5 all round, shape accordingly, remove dead wood and crown lift to 6 meters. Thes works would result in an approximate 40% crown reduction. This level of reduction is significantly in excess of the current industry guidance as set out in BS 3998:2010 (Tree Work – Recommendations), which generally advises that crown reduction should be limited to a proportionate amount to retain a balanced, sustainable structure and to minimise physiological stress.

3. A reduction of this magnitude would create lar, truncated branches, leaving extensive wounds that would not only adversely affect the tree's physiological condition but also increase the likelihood of decay and structural weakness developing in the medium to long term.

4. Given the tree's high public amenity value and its prominence within the landscape, the proposed works would not represent best practice. Instead, they would detract from both the tree's visual contribution and its long-term health. For these reasons, the proposal is not considered acceptable in its current form, and should be limited to lighter, more sensitive pruning operations, consistent with BS 3998, to ensure the tree's long-term vitality and continued amenity value.

RECOMMENDATION:
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:
   - Reduce in hight tree by trimming vertical branches to suitable growth points by up to no more than 3.5m.
   - Reduce lateral branches on the N, E, S, W sides of the crown back to suitable to growth points by up to no more than 1.5 to 2m where needed, leaving a well-balanced crown.
   - Lift the crown to a height no greater than 6m above ground level, by removing low hanging secondary branches back to the point of attachment
   - Remove any deadwood.

   Reason: for the avoidance of doubt
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*

TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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

Date……16 Sep 25…