DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/24/1488: 9 Beechwood, Small Dole, BN5 9YS.**

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

ASSESSMENT:
1. The trees the subject of this application are the two mature specimens, a Ash and a Oak sited at this residential property. The property is located at the head of the cul-de-sac, Beechwood, to the east of Hoewood, a residential estate to the north; accessed from the west from the busy A2037 Shoreham Road.

2. The dwellings in Beechwood and Hoewood were built within an area of woodland that was once part of a larger wooded area known as Hoe Wood; this wooded area is shown as being woodland on the Ordnance Survey maps of the area as recently as 1970. A high number of trees were felled to make way for the development, and over the years since the occupation of the dwellings, numerous trees have been felled by way of numerous applications since the TPO was put in place in 1986.

3. The Ash tree indicated for removal, is showing clear signs of infection with Ash dieback a chronic fungal disease of ash trees characterised by leaf loss and crown dieback in infected trees. Given the residential nature of the tree's location and the numerous nearby targets, it removal is justifiable on safety grounds. Due the number of better-quality protected trees at the property it is not considered to be necessary or appropriate to insist on replacement planting.

4. It is considered that the proposed works to the Oak are reasonable and justified and will not cause harm 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 (Strategic Planning).***

Date……06 Dec 24…