CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **CA/26/0099: The Graden House Church Street Warnham RH12 3QP**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:
Thakeham Parish Council has indicated no objection to this notification, wishing to defer to the consideration of the HDC Arboricultural Officer.
No representations have been received in respect of this notification.

ASSESSMENT:
The notification relates to the removal of a Scots Pine (Pinus sylvestris) within the front garden area of the notifiers property, which is situated with the Warnham Conservation Area.

The tree occupies a prominent roadside location and is clearly visible from public viewpoints within the area. As such, it is considered to be of high amenity value and makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

The tree is a semi-mature specimen of average vitality and fair form. The site inspection identified a significant wound extending from the base of the stem to approximately 3m above ground level, with evidence of associated decay. A substantial tear and split were also visible on a principal limb at approximately 4-5m above ground level. The defects observed are consistent with the information submitted in support of the notification.

It was noted that the damaged limb had been struck by passing high-sided vehicles, resulting in further branch failure. Whilst remedial works have been undertaken to address the immediate risk, the extent of the stem wound, associated decay and branch failure raises concerns regarding the tree's overall structural integrity and suitability for long-term retention. Given the tree's history of branch failure, coupled with its location adjacent to one of the main routes into the village, the potential consequences of failure are considered significant.

Whilst it is accepted that the loss of the tree will have an adverse impact on the character of the Conservation Area, in this instance the proposed removal is considered reasonable and justified.

Accordingly, it is not considered expedient to make a Tree Preservation Order.
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RECOMMENDATION:
No objection to notification.

Authorising Officer sign……ANBU……***Trainee Arboricultural Officer***

Date……04 Jun 18……