

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2075	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	T1 Sycamore, T2 Hawthorn, T3 Hawthorn - to be removed. T4 Yew, T5 Sycamore and G1 Sycamore group - raise lower canopy by 1m.		
Site:	8 Ewart Close, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8FJ, , , ,		
Validation Date	18 Aug 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	9 Sep 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Split Decision	Recommendation Date:	16 Oct 2025
Target Date:	13 Oct 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	17 Oct 2025
Comments:			

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Katie Hurley**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The application has been amended to remove reference to laurel, which is not protected.

The trees are located in the lower section of the rear garden. They are protected by a woodland Order. The property has a large garden, with approx. 50% containing some trees. A garden room has been constructed in this wooded area.

The trees, as part of a group to the rear of properties this side of Ewart Close, have visibility between buildings and as a backdrop to properties. Other parts of Ewart Close have protected trees around the perimeter.

A previous application, ref DM/19/1400 to remove the trees, subject of this application, and a Norway maple was refused, for the reason that no evidence was provided to justify their removal. In this case, the reason for removal is stated be to allow more light to understorey plants. It was also stated, on site, that the owner wished to make better use of the garden. No tree reports have been submitted and the trees do not appear to be dangerous or diseased. They are not prime specimens, particularly the sycamore, however, they form part of a woodland TPO and have value in this respect, as well as forming part of a wildlife corridor, screening and softening buildings. Should a tree/s be removed, it would require replacement and this would not address the applicant's reason for wishing to remove the trees.

Crown lifting work to the other trees is acceptable and works relate to secondary growth only.

It is recommended that the felling of the two hawthorns and one sycamore be refused and the crown lifting of the yew and sycamores be approved.

A split decision is advised.

Decision: Split Decision

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher