

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1388	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 Ash - Fell. T2 Sycamore - Fell. T3 Horse Chestnut - Fell		
Site:	Old Dairy Cottage, 1B Backwoods Close, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2EG, ,		
Validation Date	4 Jun 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	26 Jun 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	25 Jun 2026
Target Date:	16 Jul 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	8 Jul 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr David Appleton**

The proposed work is as described.

All the trees are in the back garden of the property. There are views from the park behind the property.

T1 is an ash which has grown towards and is breaking through the boundary of the adjacent property. It has damaged the fence, and it will only continue to cause more damage. The tree is in the early stages of Ash dieback disease but other than that is structurally sound. The issue with the base of the tree and rooting environment means that no remedial action can be taken to prevent further damage to the fence line. Regrettably, felling this tree would be the only option.

T2 is a sycamore which is affected by honey fungus and has considerable dieback in the crown. The tree is visibly in decline with bark necrosis. There is other option but to fell the tree.

T3 is a Horse Chestnut, which is also in decline, with several stems completely dead. Removal of the tree is the only option to make it safe and prevent branches failing and falling onto the footpath behind the fence.

Whilst the Parish Council comments have been noted, none of the trees are suitable for retention for the reasons mentioned in this report.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett