

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2287	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Multiple tree work - refer tree schedule.		
Site:	3 Lucas Way, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1JR, , , ,		
Validation Date	10 Sep 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	2 Oct 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	2 Oct 2025
Target Date:	22 Oct 2025	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:	13 Oct 2025
Comments:			

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Mr And Mrs Harben**

The proposed work is as described.

Most of the trees are in the back garden of the property. Only G1 and T1, T2, T3 and T4 are visible from the front or any public amenity value. The property has a woodland garden which has not been maintained for many years and as such, many of the trees are in poor health and are potentially dangerous.

G1 - Hazel, Beech, Hawthorn, Norway maple, Lawson's Cypress and Holly-Crown reduce by 2m. This is a group of trees planted as a hedge but not maintained as such. The proposed reduction would bring them back in line and make them more manageable in the future.

T1 - Lawson's Cypress - Fell. This tree is in decline. It would benefit other trees in the location if it was removed. The removal of this tree would benefit other and help to stop the spread of infection, as it seems to be suffering from aphid damage or Phytophthora lateralis.

T2- Lawson's Cypress - Fell. This tree is in decline. It would benefit other trees in the location if it was removed. The removal of this tree would benefit other and help to stop the spread of infection, as it seems to be suffering from aphid damage or Phytophthora lateralis.

T3 - Holly - Crown reduce by 2m. This would make it more manageable in its current situation.

T4 - Oak - Crown reduce by 2m, and crown raise by 2m, and crown raise by 3m. This tree is growing onto the roof of the property. The proposed work would remove the branches from the roof, and the crown raise would take it up from the canopy of other lower storey trees.

T5 - Yew - Crown reduce by 1.5m. This is competing for light and has grown some very tall, over-extended branches, which would be better reduced to keep it manageable.

T6 - Lawson's Cypress - Fell. This tree is in decline. The removal of this tree would benefit other and help to stop the spread of infection, as it seems to be suffering from aphid damage or Phytophthora lateralis.

T7 - Oak - Crown reduce by 2m. This tree is a mature specimen and growing adjacent to a TPO beech tree. as well as creating space between the beech and the oak which would stop branches rubbing and causing damage to each other.

T8 - Oak - Crown raise from summer house by 2.5m. This tree is in contact with the roof of the summer house which is doing neither the tree nor the summer house any good. The raise would prevent damage to the summer house and stop branches getting damaged.

T9 - Hawthorn - Fell. This is a poor specimen with over-extended branches. The canopy is sparse and the tree is struggling for light due to other trees being more successful.

T10 - Ash - Fell. This tree has advanced Ash Dieback, making the tree unsafe and likely to fail/ lose limbs. Removal is the only option to make it safe.

G2 - Yew - Crown raise from annexe by 2m. This tree is in contact with the Annexe. The proposed reduction would clear branches from the annexe and prevent damage to it and to the tree.

T11 - Birch - Fell. This tree is overmature and in decline. It is multistemmed and showing signs of decay. Decay fungi also present.

G3 - Hazel and Beech- Coppice. This is a group of trees, previously coppiced. To recoppice would help to manage them in future.

T12 - Ash - Fell. This tree has advanced Ash Dieback, making the tree unsafe and likely to fail/ lose limbs. Removal is the only option to make it safe.

T13 - Cherry - Crown raise by 3m, and crown reduce front stem, adjacent to annexe by 3m. This tree is multistemmed and is growing over the annexe and leans excessively. The removal of this front stem would remove the hazardous part which could potentially fail.

G4 - Hazel - Coppice. This is good management as work has been carried out previously.

T14 - Hazel - Coppice. This is good management as work has been carried out previously.

G5 - Hazel - Coppice. This is good management as work has been carried out previously.

T14 - Hazel - Coppice. This is good management as work has been carried out previously.

T15 - Cherry - Monolith. This tree is very much in decline and potentially dangerous. To monolith this tree would retain some of the ecological value, whilst minimising the risk of it falling and causing harm or damage. It is in the middle of the woodland and away from easily accessible areas.

T16 - Ash - Fell. This tree has advanced Ash Dieback, making the tree unsafe and likely to fail/ lose limbs. Removal is the only option to make it safe.

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T18 - Oak - Crown reduce by 2m. This tree is near to the adjacent boundary fence. The proposed work would maintain the tree and remove some of the overhanging branches.

T19 - Magnolia - Crown reduce by 1m. This tree is adjacent to the decked area, and the proposed reduction would not only raise a bit of the canopy but would keep it more manageable.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett