

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/24/3049	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Pine tree - remove to ground level and replace.		
Site:	Hillside, North Street, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4NS, ,		
Validation Date	13 Dec 2024	Overall Expiry Date:	6 Jan 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Refusal	Recommendation Date:	22 Jan 2025
Target Date:	7 Feb 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:	23 Jan 2025
Comments:			

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Mrs Patricia Funnell**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature, landmark specimen, located just above, and fronting, North Street.

A brief tree report has been submitted as part of the application. It advises that the tree is leaning at an angle of 40 degrees, it exhibits tight forks and included bark and should be removed for safety reasons.

The tree officer has observed the tree over a period of 10 years and has examined the tree in the course of a previous application and unauthorised works. She has recently advised that ivy be severed from around the tree, as it would make examination of the tree easier and reduce the weight of the crown.

This species of tree, in its natural habitat, grows in some of the most exposed parts of the country and is often observed leaning at an angle or with a significant kink in the trunk. The tree officer has examined the tree. There is no evidence of root movement and there are strong buttress roots visible. The crown appears healthy with little/no die back. Whilst the faults in the tree have been noted, it is not considered that this makes the tree dangerous or liable to fall. There is no basal decay evident and no fruiting bodies have been observed.

It is not considered that sufficient evidence exists to remove this significant and high amenity value tree.

Refusal is recommended.

Decision: Refusal

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher