

## Delegated Decision

### Sign off Sheet

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| <b>Ref. No:</b>                              | DM/25/2687                                                      | <b>Case Officer:</b>                   | Irene Fletcher |
| <b>Application Type:</b>                     | Tree Surgery                                                    |                                        |                |
| <b>Proposal:</b>                             | (T1) Oak - Fell                                                 |                                        |                |
| <b>Site:</b>                                 | 199 Estcots Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3YP, , , , |                                        |                |
| <b>Validation Date</b>                       | 20 Oct 2025                                                     | <b>Overall Expiry Date:</b>            | 12 Nov 2025    |
| <b>Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:</b> |                                                                 | <b>Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:</b> |                |
| <b>Recommendation:</b>                       | Refusal                                                         | <b>Recommendation Date:</b>            | 26 Nov 2025    |
| <b>Target Date:</b>                          | 15 Dec 2025                                                     | <b>Recommending Officer Signature:</b> | Irene Fletcher |

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| <b>Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)</b> |  | <b>No of Representations:</b> | 0 |
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| <b>Signed and Agreed By:</b> | Beth Howland-Smith | <b>Date:</b> | 26 Nov 2025 |
| <b>Comments:</b>             |                    |              |             |

## MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

**DM/25/2687**

**199 Estcots Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3YP, , ,  
(T1) Oak - Fell  
Sibille**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature specimen, possibly a veteran specimen, which extends towards the property and considerably blocks light from the rear of the property and the small rear garden. The tree is one of three protected, mature specimens to the rear of these flats; to the other side of the small stream to the rear of these specimens, is a large area of protected trees.

The reason for the works is that the tree has a number of decay pockets and there has been some branch drop and this has alarmed residents. No tree report has been provided. Unfortunately, sudden branch drop has occurred to numerous oak trees in the district due to the extreme environmental conditions experienced during the summer months; it is the survival mechanism of old oaks. Whilst this is alarming for residents, it does not necessarily mean that the tree is dangerous. This is also the case with pockets of decay, which is one of the features of a veteran tree.

Another application, ref DM/25/2686, seeking approval for the removal of a large stem, approx one third of the tree has also been submitted.

On balance, it is not considered that sufficient evidence exists to justify the removal of this valuable tree.

Refusal is recommended.

Decision: Refusal

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher