

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/3056	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Quercus robur (English Oak) (T14) - Reduce height of tree by 4-5m and rebalance crown spread, target pruning to nearest appropriate growth points.		
Site:	37 Willow Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 9TL, , ,		
Validation Date	28 Nov 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	23 Dec 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	7 Jan 2026
Target Date:	23 Jan 2026	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:	8 Jan 2026
Comments:			

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Sarah Clawson

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature specimen, located on a small bank between developments, and to the rear of flats in Willow Gardens.

A large limb has dropped, probably due to sudden branch drop and has damaged a neighbouring fence. There are other residential properties in close proximity. The tree also exhibits significant basal decay, although there were no fruiting bodies evident.

It is considered that the tree poses a risk to nearby properties, and, whilst a heavy reduction is not normally acceptable, in this case, due to disease and previous branch drop, the works are acceptable to reduce the risk to surrounding land and property.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher