

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0367	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	English Oak - Reduce crown by 7m to just under crown break leaving a wildlife habitat monolith.		
Site:	23 Bridgers Mill, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1TF, , , ,		
Validation Date	16 Feb 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	11 Mar 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	31 Mar 2026
Target Date:	13 Apr 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	1 Apr 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

DM/26/0367

**23 Bridgers Mill, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1TF, , ,
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Mr Mike Boden**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is located in the rear garden and has some public visibility. The application is accompanied by a tree report which outlines physiological decline, including cambium necrosis and significant crown die back. Honey fungus, usually a secondary pathogen, was noted at the time of the inspection.

As well as these defects, the tree officer noted some basal decay and symptoms of AOD. It would appear that a major buttress root has been severed in the past and the tree has also suffered a change in levels, probably around the time of construction of the surrounding development.

The tree has been heavily pollarded in the past to encourage rejuvenation, but part of this primary branch framework exhibits substantial decay. There is some evidence of retrenchment and it is hoped that this may be encouraged by monolithing the tree.

A representation of support has been received, advising that they have concerns about the declining health of the tree, the diseased crown and its general deterioration. They are concerned that branches may fall and obstruct the Scrace stream behind it or damage neighbouring property.

Permission is recommended, in the interests of safety.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher