

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1517	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	See Tree Survey for detailed works		
Site:	St Margarets Church, North Lane, West Hoathly, West Sussex, RH19 4PP, , ,		
Validation Date	11 Jun 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	3 Jul 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	4 Jul 2025
Target Date:	6 Aug 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Steven King	Date:	29 Jul 2025
Comments:			

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CO Agent**

The proposed work is as described. The location of all the trees can be seen on the sketch plan.

All the trees are within the churchyard of St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly. All the trees are visible from public spaces.

T1: Alder. Canopy low over graves. Crown lift all aspects 1m. This work will raise the tree from the gravestones and prevent damage to them.

T31: Very Large Mature Yew tree: Canopy low over pathway. Reduce back in unduly long laterals 2 3m to give an 8ft clearance of path. This will allow safe passage for pedestrians under the tree.

T27: Large Dying Cherry Tree: Remove to near ground level. This tree is very much in decline and would be safer to remove it as pruning it would not remedy the issue.

T36 (Top terrace): Mature Yew: Severe die back throughout the crown. Reduce the tree to approx. 5-6m to regenerate. This work would remove the sections of the tree that are dying back, and it is hoped that it will regenerate. It is favourable to removing the tree altogether without trying this approach first. If it does not work, then another application can be made later to remove it.

T56: Bottom of lower tier: Semi mature Sorbus: Tree leaning over and mis-shaped. Roots not secure. Remove to near ground level. This tree has grown on an angle as it is competing with other more mature trees for light. It has grown at such an angle that it has now caused the root plate to lift, making the tree unstable.

T2: Holly: Previously it has been coppiced. Reduce back the side of the holly to give a 1m clearance of the wall. This tree will tolerate this reduction.

T19 and T20: Mature Irish Yews: Remove 4 limbs that hang down low over the footpath to give clearance of 2.5m above the pathway. This will allow pedestrians safe passage under the tree, and it will tolerate this raise.

T14: Mature Yew Crown lift above path to give 2.5m clearance. This will allow pedestrians safe passage under the tree, and it will tolerate this raise.

T7: Mature Oak Remove major deadwood and target prune any broken limbs. The proposed work is mainly removal of deadwood which does not need to be included, but target pruning does so it has been left intact. This will be beneficial to the tree and will allow it to compartmentalise.

T5 and T4: Mature Yew trees Target prune stubs from the lower part of the crown canopy. Crown lift the trees to 5.5m above the highway. This is good practice for highway trees and will mean that high sided vehicles don't damage the tree. The target pruning will allow the tree to compartmentalise.

T3: Large Mature Yew Target prune damaged limbs, roadside of tree. Crown lift roadside to 5.5m above the highway. This is good practice for highway trees and will mean that high sided vehicles don't damage the tree. The target pruning will allow the tree to compartmentalise.

All the proposed work is good management for the trees, and will not be detrimental to them.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett