

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1852	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Common Oak (T1) Reduce by up to 2 metres and Crown thin by 20%'		
Site:	Wilderness Field Land Parcel, The Wilderness, Lindfield, West Sussex, , , ,		
Validation Date	29 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	21 Aug 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	28 Sep 2026
Target Date:	23 Sep 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:	29 Sep 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Wilderness Field Land Parcel, The Wilderness, Lindfield, West Sussex, , ,
Common Oak (T1) Reduce by up to 2 metres and Crown thin by 20%'
Mr Andrew Funnell**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is one of a line of mature, protected oaks, which bound the recreation field. This tree is also adjacent to a public footpath.

The tree has a large area of decay with exposed heartwood, it also has a significant wound where a limb has torn out, probably due to summer branch drop. Around the base, a large colony of honey fungus was present.

Whilst the two operations of thinning and reduction would not normally be carried out together, in this case, due to the condition of the tree and its proximity to a public footpath, it is considered that the works are acceptable to minimise the risk from the tree.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher