

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/24/3122	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Red Oak - (T1) - Fell		
Site:	Garage Block, Tower House Close, Cuckfield, West Sussex, , , ,		
Validation Date	8 Jan 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	29 Jan 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	3 Feb 2025
Target Date:	5 Mar 2025	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:	4 Feb 2025
Comments:			

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DM/24/3122

**Garage Block, Tower House Close, Cuckfield, West Sussex, , ,
Red Oak - (T1) - Fell
Mr Daniel Ford**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature specimen, located adjacent to a block of garages serving the Tower House development. Visibility is limited to the access road serving these properties. It has previously been reduced/pollarded, which has resulted in some die back.

A tree report has been submitted as part of the application. This reveals a large number of fruiting bodies of *Ganoderma australe*, which cause white rot and may result in structural failure. It identifies that the tree is located in a high target area. A tomograph inspection has also been carried out. The tomograph revealed extensive decay at many points in the tree.

The tree officer observed multiple decaying fruiting bodies within the buttress roots. She also noted hollowing and extensive areas of loose bark.

It is considered that the tree should be removed as a matter of urgency, particularly considering its proximity to the road and residential properties.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher