

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1274	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Ash (T1) - Fell. Ash (T2) - Monolith to 7-8 metres, Ash (T3) - Monolith 7-8 metres, Ash (T4) - Fell, Oak (T5) remove damaged limb over path, Ash (T6) - Fell. Multi stemmed Ash (T7) - Fell. 2x Multi stemmed Ash (T8) - Fell. x2 Multi stemmed Ash (G9) - Fell. Multi stemmed Ash (T10) - Fell. x2 Multi stemmed Ash (G11) - Fell. x3 Multi stemmed Ash (G12) - Fell		
Site:	St Giles Church, Church Lane, Horsted Keynes, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7AY, ,		
Validation Date	21 May 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	16 Jun 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	15 Jun 2026
Target Date:	2 Jul 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	25 Jun 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Phil Miles**

The proposed work is as described.

All the trees are adjacent to a public footpath and some overhang the primary school's access to the playing field. All the trees have ash dieback disease (ADB) and in some the disease has progressed further than others. With the high target area and likelihood of failure, felling or monolithing is the only safe option.

Ash trees need to be assessed as to whether they are safe to support a climber, as some of these trees are inaccessible for a MEWP. Therefore, the proposed work on some of the trees may be a little early, but the fact that they may not support a climber, should the disease progress further, the work is required before that point. Ultimately, they will all need felling at some point as they are all showing signs of the disease.

None of the trees would be worthy of TPO as there is only one result once they have ADB disease.

T5 (oak) has a damaged limb overhanging the footpath. The proposed work to this tree would be to remove the torn limb and target prune it back to the main stem. This would be good practice and would remove the hazardous limb.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett