

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1652	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	(T1) Oak tree - to be felled but to leave monolith for nature.		
Site:	23 Badgers Walk, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0AE, , , ,		
Validation Date	8 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	29 Jul 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	12 Aug 2026
Target Date:	2 Sep 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	12 Aug 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Carol Bailey**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is located in the rear garden but has significant visibility due to its size. It is a mature specimen, possibly veteran. A public footpath runs to the rear of the tree and it has a high target area, due to its proximity to small rear gardens and property.

The tree exhibits significant 'stagging', approximately a third of the crown is dead. A large area of basal decay is evident and this extends to about a third of the base. There are historic Ganoderma brackets, as well as a number of more recent fruiting bodies. There is also evidence of honey fungus. Honey fungus, in itself, does not usually cause the death of a mature specimen, but due to all of the other defects that the tree has, it certainly contributes to its ill health. Also evident is extensive hollowing of the tree and the presence of wood boring insects, indicating death of tissues and decay.

An objection has been received advising that there is no evidence to support the felling, no arboricultural report, no evidence of subsidence. The applicant must produce this evidence.

With regard to this objection and the town council comments, the tree officer has examined the tree closely and considers the tree to pose a high risk to people and property. Should there have been any doubt about the condition of the tree, the tree officer would have requested a report. In this case, it is recommended that the tree be felled as soon as possible.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher