

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1705	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	1 - Ash tree - Fell, as area of disease identified.		
Site:	4 Swann Close, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0TR, , , ,		
Validation Date	13 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	4 Aug 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	12 Aug 2026
Target Date:	7 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:	13 Aug 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mrs Alison Godber

Permission is sought for the works as described.

This application follows application ref DM/25/1901, which granted consent for a 2m reduction.

The tree is located in the rear garden. Due to its maturity, it has significant visibility. Another residential garden and property lies to the other side. The tree has been heavily reduced many years ago but, over the last 10 years or so, work has been more measured and appropriate.

Following the last consent, a tree surgeon began work on the tree, however, he encountered a number of defects on the tree. Of most concern is a decayed fruiting body, which the tree officer identified as an *Inonotus* sp. This causes extensive white rot. There are also significant cavities within the tree, which, whilst not themselves, a high risk, nevertheless, with the other defects of the tree, including some symptoms of ADBD and weak unions, make it impossible to retain the tree. The tree officer recommended that this application to fell be made.

Whilst the comments of the town council are noted, in this case, it is not considered reasonable or necessary to request a full tree report. Bearing in mind the high target area, it is recommended that the tree be removed as soon as possible.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher