

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1654	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	(T1) 1 Oak Tree to be felled but leave as a monolith		
Site:	24 Badgers Walk, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0AE, , , ,		
Validation Date	7 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	28 Jul 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	13 Aug 2026
Target Date:	1 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:	13 Aug 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Kat Millard**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature specimen, possibly veteran, located in the rear garden.

The tree exhibits severe basal decay and there appears to have been a bracket fungi, or similar, around one section of the base. To the other side, there has been honey fungus; the decayed remains were evident and the applicant was able to provide photographic evidence. There are some areas of loose bark and hollowing, and around 20% of the crown has died.

A public footpath lies to the other side of the garden and due to the tree's size and maturity, there is a high risk, both to footpath users and to neighbouring residential land and property.

An objection has been received stating that no reason has been given for the work, no tree report or subsidence report provided, and tree should not be felled, due to lack of evidence.

With regard to this, and the town council comments, the tree officer has examined the tree closely and considers that the removal of the tree is entirely justified, bearing in mind its multiple and significant defects and high target area. Should there have been any doubt about the condition of the tree, a report would have been requested. In this case, it is not considered necessary.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher