

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0747	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 Lawson's Cypress - Crown raise by 2m from ground. T2 Thuja Plicata 'Zebrina' - crown raise to 2m from ground. T3 Willow - fell.		
Site:	St Johns Church, Lower Church Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9AA, , ,		
Validation Date	23 Mar 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	15 Apr 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	13 Apr 2026
Target Date:	4 May 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:	16 Apr 2026
Comments:			

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Mr John Orchard**

The proposed work is as described.

T1 and T2 are both to the front of the church and are very visible from the public realm. The proposed work to these two trees is to raise the lower canopy to prevent damage to the gravestones beneath them. This work would also allow for maintenance to the graves to be undertaken and would not be of detriment to the health or the public amenity value of the trees.

T3 is in the back of the churchyard and has limited views from the public realm. It is a willow that has failed and regrown where it has fallen and is quite unstable as a result of the failure. The upright stems are not fully anchored into the ground, and the tree has higher potential to fail in future. Felling would be the best option from a safety perspective.

Whilst the Town Council comments have been noted, a Tree Report cannot be required for a TCA application, and the willow does not meet the requirements to be considered for a TPO.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett