

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1152	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	G1 Thuja x25 fell. T2 Ash - canopy raise by 5m to clear roof of school. T3 Holly - coppice. T4 Holly - coppice. T5 Cherry - fell. T6 Willow - fell. T7 Horse Chestnut - fell. T8 Willow - coppice. T9 Willow - coppice. T10 Cypress - fell. T11 Norway Spruce - fell.		
Site:	Mote Croft, Church Lane, Horsted Keynes, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7AY, ,		
Validation Date	1 May 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	27 May 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	21 May 2025
Target Date:	12 Jun 2025	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:	11 Jun 2025
Comments:			

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Mrs Christine Wheatley**

The proposed work is as described.

All the trees are in the back garden of the property and have very little public amenity value. The garden is very overgrown, and the trees have not been managed for some time.

G1 - Whilst the felling of 25 Thuja may sound excessive, these trees have grown too large for their situation. They are in between Mote Croft and the adjacent school and have grown beyond the point of being able to prune them into a hedge. At the site visit a replacement native hedge was discussed, in favour of these trees.

T2 - The ash is in good visible health and the crown raise would remove some of the lower tips from the roof of the school building.

T3 and T4 Coppicing the two holly trees would bring them back to understorey trees and allow more light through to other plants.

T5 is a cherry that has grown up into the canopy of a larger cherry and to remove this smaller one would benefit the larger, more established cherry.

T6 is a willow that is growing out in the garden and is growing through the canopy of other trees. Removal of this tree will allow others to thrive.

T7 is a horse chestnut that has self-seeded and is not in a good position to be able to grow and develop. Removal of this tree will allow others to thrive.

T8 and T9 are both goat willows that have grown too large for their position and are in contact with the roof of the house. To coppice these will be good management.

T10 is a cypress that has grown up through the canopy of other trees and is growing towards the roof of the house. Felling this would benefit other trees.

T11 is a Norway Spruce (Christmas tree) that had been planted out several years before and has now outgrown its position.

All the proposed work would benefit other trees and open the garden up to more light and space, as well as clear trees from being in contact with buildings and other structures.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett