

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2538	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Cypress (T1) reduce back to boundary. Ash (T2) reduce back to boundary. Sweet chestnut (T3), reduce back to boundary. Sycamore (T4) reduce back to boundary. Cypress (G5) reduce back to boundary of 18/19 Dukes Road. Sycamore (T6) reduce . Sweet chestnut (T8) remove broken attached branch at approx 7m.		
Site:	Land At 18 And 19 Dukes Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2JH, , ,		
Validation Date	3 Dec 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	17 Feb 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	17 Feb 2026
Target Date:	28 Jan 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	6
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	18 Feb 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Andrew Smith

Permission is sought for the works as described.

This application has been amended multiple times, due to incorrect address, changing description of works, owners of trees objecting, lack of access to land etc.

The trees are located in a wooded belt at the bottom of gardens in Dukes Road. They are protected by a woodland Order.

They impact on the small gardens in Barncroft Drive, in terms of shading and overhang.

Objections and representations of support have been received in relation to previous proposals. These may be summarised as follows :

Support - some branches are probably dangerous to property or persons below; trees cover garden with foliage for several months, resulting in additional gardening, lawn damage etc; overhang now out of hand; branch removal may stop squirrels.

Objection - object to crown lifting, crown lifting not required and would lead to loss of natural screening; extent of squirrel damaged branches uncertain; there seems to be no safety or arboricultural necessity for works; trees should be identified as dangerous, diseased or unsound; trees contribute to local environment; preservation should be prioritised wherever possible.

The works, as now proposed, relate to a reduction back to the boundary only, approx 1 - 2.5m, dependant on species. There will be no work carried out from neighbouring land. Also, works will not impact on the long term health or amenity value of the trees. The works would have been permissible under common law, were the trees not protected.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher