

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1055	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Oak tree in garden of 41 Sycamore Drive - reduce overhanging branches back to previous pruning points, 1 - 2m. Oak tree in garden of 39 Sycamore Drive, reduce lowest branch over garden by approx 4 metres, back to suitable growth point. Reduce two lowest branches of ash by 3m.		
Site:	39 And 41 Sycamore Drive, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0GG, , , ,		
Validation Date	22 May 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	17 Jun 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	14 Jul 2026
Target Date:	17 Jul 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:	14 Jul 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Permission is sought for the works as described.

This application has been amended to more appropriate works, with the agreement of the applicant.

The trees have some visibility and the development is surrounded by mature trees, which are a feature of the area.

The oak trees and ash tree are located within the rear gardens of nos 39 and 41 Sycamore drive and overhang the garden of no 55. The oak tree located in the garden of no. 39 extends close to the roof and side of no. 55, and has previously been reduced. Works will now reduce back to previous points.

The ash tree, located in the garden of no. 39, has had little previous work carried out. The reduction of two, overhanging limbs, relates to secondary growth only, and will not impact on the long term health or amenity value of the tree. The oak, within the same garden, has one, secondary limb extending over the garden. This limb exhibits a large split and it is considered appropriate to reduce back to growth beyond the split. In this case, therefore a 4m reduction is considered acceptable.

With regard to the town council comments, an arboricultural report cannot be required for pruning works to trees. It is considered that the works, as now proposed, are acceptable and will address impacts of the trees on neighbouring land.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher