

Tree Works Proposed at Burgess Hill School for Girls 3rd June 2026

N.B. The tree works proposed below include trees variously protected by Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas. Therefore, some of the works are applications for permission, and some are a notification of intent. For the sake of simplicity and clarity, all the works are described as an application.

1.0 Tree no. T2 – Common Oak.

1.1 Works applied for:

1.1.1 Eastern crown over highway:

1.1.1.1 Crown reduce as necessary to create a 2 metre clearspace around the street light.

1.1.1.2 Crown lift to create a 2.5 metre clearance over the pavement.

1.1.2 Reasons for application:

1.1.2.1 To allow the proper functioning of the street light.

1.1.2.2 To create adequate pedestrian access clearance along the pavement.

1.2 Works applied for:

1.2.1 Western crown over athletics field:

1.2.1.1 Reduce crown spread radius to the north west, west and south west to 10 metres.

1.2.1.2 Crown lift to create a 3 metre clearance over the athletics field.

1.2.2 Reasons for application:

1.2.2.1 Following the success of professional and international women's football, and the increasing interest in women playing football at school, the School has decided to convert the athletics field into a football pitch. In order to achieve this the School needs to maximise the space available in the field and to maximise the natural light reaching the grass surface to aid with grass growth and surface drying. The proposed tree works will help achieve these objectives.

2.0 Tree nos. T3 – Sycamore, T4 – Sycamore, T5 – Ash.

2.1 Works applied for:

2.1.1 Fell.

2.2 Reasons for application:

2.2.1 The crowns of these trees are all asymmetric and overhang the existing athletics field as a result of competition for light and space with the nearby and larger Common Oak trees.

2.2.2 Following the success of professional and international women's football, and the increasing interest in women playing football at school, the School has decided to convert the athletics field into a football pitch. In order to achieve this the School needs to maximise the space available in the field and to maximise the natural light reaching the grass surface to aid with grass growth and surface drying. The proposed tree works will help achieve these objectives.

3.0 Group no. G6 – Small Sycamore and holly trees, and other understorey shrubs.

3.1 Works applied for:

3.1.1 Cut back to maintain the line of the past hedgerow type management of this group.

3.2 Reasons for application:

3.2.1 Following the success of professional and international women's football, and the increasing interest in women playing football at school, the School has decided to convert the athletics field into a football pitch. In order to achieve this the School needs to maximise the space available in the field and to maximise the natural light reaching the grass surface to aid with grass growth and surface drying. The proposed tree works will help achieve these objectives.

4.0 Group no. G7 – Predominantly Sycamore, Horse Chestnut and Beech.

4.1 Works applied for:

4.1.1 Reduce crown overhanging and close to the fence around the tennis courts to a maximum of 1 metre outside the vertical line of the fence.

4.2 Reasons for application:

4.2.1 To maintain clearance over the tennis courts for a reasonable period of time.

4.2.2 To maintain correct functioning of the tennis court lights for a reasonable period of time.

4.2.3 To reduce the dropping of leaves, twigs and other tree associated debris onto the tennis courts for a reasonable period of time.

5.0 Tree no. T8 – Ash.

5.1 Works applied for:

5.1.1 Fell.

5.2 Reasons for application:

5.2.1 The tree is a self set individual growing close to the fence and the building, and it is considered inevitable that the tree will cause direct damage to these structures in the future as it grows. Th proposed felling will prevent this damage occurring.

6.0 Group no. G9 – Sycamore, and G10 – Common Oak, Sycamore ‘Drumondii’, Copper Beech.

6.1 Works applied for:

6.1.1 Reduce crown overhanging and close to the fence around the courts to a maximum of 1 metre outside the vertical line of the fence.

6.2 Reasons for Application:

6.2.1 To maintain clearance over the courts for a reasonable period of time.

6.2.2 To maintain correct functioning of the court lights for a reasonable period of time.

6.2.3 To reduce the dropping of leaves, twigs and other tree associated debris onto the courts for a reasonable period of time.

7.0 Tree no. T11 – Sycamore (two stemmed).

7.1 Works applied for:

7.1.2 Fell.

7.2 Reasons for application:

7.2.1 The tree has suffered from extensive Grey Squirrel damage and this is causing desiccation and decay at branch attachments, and branches are breaking out. Very recently a branch broke out during the recent hot weather and a branch fell into the neighbouring garden. The School wishes to avoid such occurrences happening by removing the tree.

8.0 Tree no. T12 – Common Oak.

8.1 Works applied for:

8.1.1 Reduce crown overhanging and close to the boundary fence around the School to a maximum of 1 metre outside the vertical line of the fence.

8.2 Reasons for application:

8.1.2 To avoid the crown overhanging the neighbouring garden, as is sometimes requested by the neighbours i.e. in the interest of good neighbourliness.