

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1833	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 - Oak : Crown reduce by 2m. Thin crown by 15%.		
Site:	1 Compton Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2JY, , ,		
Validation Date	24 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	18 Aug 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	10 Aug 2026
Target Date:	4 Sep 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	21 Aug 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr Michael Thornton**

The proposed work is as described.

This application and description followed a pre application meeting on site. The tree is an oak, which is in the back garden of the property and overhangs the pavement and the adjacent road. It is a mature specimen with some deadwood throughout the crown. Several decay fungi were present, including Ganoderma sp. and secondary decay fungus Gymnopus fusipes. These fungi are relatively slow to decay trees and given the size of this oak, it was not deemed necessary to fell this tree. It can be managed using other techniques this time and it was suggested that further investigations may be useful at some point in the future.

The proposed work would reduce the height of the tree and also thin the tree. Usually, these methods would be carried out alone, but due to the presence of the decay fungi, it was deemed necessary to carry out both procedures at one time, to reduce the sail of the tree and alleviate some of the pressure on the root plate. This would be good management for this tree in its condition, given its situation.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC