

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1299	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Removal of 7 small trees (1 Oak, 1 sweet chestnut, 4 Ash with die-back symptoms, 1 Blackthorn, Removal of low branches of Hazel (which will be coppiced) and overhanging Willow. Removal of x2 dead trees leaning across path. Removal of 3 low branches from Willow. Removal of dead Blackthorn tree covered in ivy leaning across path. Removal of x2 blackthorn obstructing path.		
Site:	Footpath Between 69 Woodland Road And 72 Grand Avenue, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8EU, , , ,		
Validation Date	19 May 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	10 Jun 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	17 Jul 2025
Target Date:	14 Jul 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	17 Jul 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mrs Elaine Langridge**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The description has been modified in relation to the sweet chestnut tree which was misidentified as an oak, with the agreement of the parish council, who submitted the application.

Tree works relate to an existing public footpath which is being upgraded and involve the removal of seven trees and works to others to provide clearance. It is likely that the ash would require removal in any event, due to advanced ash die back. The oak and sweet chestnut are young specimens and cannot be retained as they block the path. The blackthorn is understorey and is not of significant amenity value.

A representation has been received making the following points :

- seems likely that more trees will require removal
- cuttings should be removed from site to prevent the stream being blocked
- request more dog waste bins
- no more vegetation than necessary should be removed

With regard to these comments, the LPA may only consider what is covered by the application. Vegetation is not under the control of the TPO, further, the full length of the footpath is not protected by the TPO. Neither may dog bins be requested as part of a tree application.

It is likely that a 5 Day Notice would have been accepted in relation to the ash trees, particularly bearing in mind their proximity to the footpath. The application provides an opportunity to condition their replacement.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher