

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0718	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	T1 and T2 - Oak - Remove, as significant root damage and increased risk due to their condition and proximity to the property.		
Site:	41 Oak Hall Park, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0DH, , , ,		
Validation Date	20 Mar 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	14 Apr 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	30 Apr 2026
Target Date:	15 May 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:	11 May 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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and proximity to the property.
C/o Agent**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees are located in the rear garden of the property and have limited public visibility. Both have developed together and sit at a higher level than the house. The garden has recently been excavated to remove decking and rubble and, it would appear that soil piling has taken place around the trees, some time ago, which has impacted on their health.

A brief tree report has been submitted as part of the application, noting staggering on both trees, with advanced stagheadedness on T1, and a significant cavity, extending to greater than 40% of the sapwood. There are less than 30% of viable buds on both trees. It points to the likelihood of structural failure of both trees and limited capacity for recovery. It also notes the proximity to the house and the inability to remove one tree without destabilising the other further. Root damage is referred to, further impacting the stability of the trees.

The tree officer noted all of these defects/risk factors, as well as the soil piling. She also observed basal decay on both trees and what appeared to be some decayed fruiting bodies.

A supporting statement has been received from the owner, referring to debris, falling branches, leaves, acorns, squirrel damage to her roof, the financial and emotional strain associated with this, and confirming that she would plant replacement trees.

With regard to the town council comments, It is not possible to require a separate tree report. The applicant can choose to include this on the application form, which is a public document, which they have done.

The tree officer is satisfied that the trees will not recover and pose a significant risk to the property.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher