

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0979	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Leyland Cypress - Crown lift to give clearance of at least 1.5m over bin stores. Sweet Chestnut opposite 15 and 17, crown lift over parking bays and road 4.5m from ground level. x3 Oaks opposite 11 crown lift 4.5 metres from ground level. Oak opposite 14 - crown lift 4.5 from ground level. Poplar opposite 14 - remove 1x lowest branch encroaching on parking bay. Sweet Chestnut opposite 16 - remove dying section of crown back to nearest suitable growth point. Dead Pine opposite 14 - fell.		
Site:	Land North Of Chapman Way, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4UL, , , ,		
Validation Date	27 Apr 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	18 May 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	3 Jun 2026
Target Date:	22 Jun 2026	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:	9 Jun 2026
Comments:			

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Samantha Hook**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees form a dense buffer between properties in Chapman Way and Colwell Road. The trees are protected by a woodland Order.

Parking spaces in Chapman Way are located adjacent to the trees and there is considerable overhang of cars and the bin store. This results in debris, bird droppings etc. Works relate to secondary growth only and, in some cases, the trees have previously been reduced back from the car parking spaces.

A representation has been received requesting a greater reduction to one of the trees to provide greater clearance, this should be more than a 4.5m crown lifting. Bird mess is causing damage to car paint work and requires daily cleaning, which is both unpleasant, and a health hazard.

MSDC has no ability to require greater works to a tree, it may determine only what comes before it, as an application.

The works are considered appropriate to the trees and will not impact their long term health or amenity value. The pine tree appears to have been dead for many years.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher