

## Delegated Decision

### Sign off Sheet

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| <b>Ref. No:</b>                              | DM/25/3036                                                                                                                    | <b>Case Officer:</b>                   | Irene Fletcher |
| <b>Application Type:</b>                     | Tree Surgery                                                                                                                  |                                        |                |
| <b>Proposal:</b>                             | T1: Oak, reduce upper canopy by 6m. T2: Oak, drop crotch canopy reduction by 2m. T3: Oak, drop crotch canopy reduction by 2m. |                                        |                |
| <b>Site:</b>                                 | Oak Trees, Roundwood Lane, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SJ, ,                                                |                                        |                |
| <b>Validation Date</b>                       | 26 Nov 2025                                                                                                                   | <b>Overall Expiry Date:</b>            | 18 Dec 2025    |
| <b>Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:</b> |                                                                                                                               | <b>Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:</b> |                |
| <b>Recommendation:</b>                       | Permission                                                                                                                    | <b>Recommendation Date:</b>            | 22 Dec 2025    |
| <b>Target Date:</b>                          | 21 Jan 2026                                                                                                                   | <b>Recommending Officer Signature:</b> | Irene Fletcher |

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| <b>Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)</b> |  | <b>No of Representations:</b> | 0 |
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| <b>Signed and Agreed By:</b> | Beth Howland-Smith | <b>Date:</b> | 23 Dec 2025 |
| <b>Comments:</b>             |                    |              |             |

## MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

**DM/25/3036**

**Oak Trees, Roundwood Lane, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SJ,  
T1: Oak, reduce upper canopy by 6m. T2: Oak, drop crotch canopy reduction by 2m. T3: Oak,  
drop crotch canopy reduction by 2m.  
Mr Martin Deldridge**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees are located in the rear garden of a large, detached property. There is some public visibility.

They have been well maintained and the owner has taken care to try and improve the health of T1. The trees are fine, mature specimens, although T1 shows decline, without obvious cause.

The works to T2 and T3 are considered proportionate and reasonable to address issues of overhang and shading.

Works to T1 are extensive, however, the crown is sparse and 'staggering' is evident. The tree is showing signs of retrenchment. Retrenchment pruning is considered to be appropriate management for such trees, therefore, in this case, it is accepted that a heavy reduction is appropriate, and may prolong the tree's life.

Permission is recommended.

Decision:      Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher