

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0377	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Pine Tree - Fell		
Site:	Chodds Farmhouse, High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6BL, ,		
Validation Date	31 Mar 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	22 Apr 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	17 Apr 2026
Target Date:	12 May 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	28 Apr 2026
Comments:			

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**Chodds Farmhouse, High Street, Handcross, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6BL,
Pine Tree - Fell
George Curd**

The proposed works is as described.

The tree is in the front garden of the property, which is owned by the National Trust and used for holiday lettings.

The tree has a heavy lean towards the house and is showing signs of root plate heave. There is a sheer crack in the main stem, making the stability and structure of the tree compromised. Due to these faults in the tree's structural integrity, it would not be suitable for retention or protection. There is no remedial work that can be carried out apart from felling the tree to make it safe and prevent it from causing damage when it fails, which is inevitable at some point.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett