

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1379	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Common Oak (T2) , Sycamore (T3), Sycamore (T4), Ash (T5), Group tree (G6), Group Trees (G7), Ash (T8), Group (G9), Sycamore (T11), Common Oak (T12) - Various Work, please see Tree Schedule		
Site:	Burgess Hill School For Girls, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0EG, , ,		
Validation Date	3 Jun 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	26 Jun 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	13 Jul 2026
Target Date:	29 Jul 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:	23 Jul 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Ash (T8), Group (G9), Sycamore (T11), Common Oak (T12) - Various Work, please see Tree
Schedule
Mr Richard Moses**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees are situated within various locations around the site, including boundaries and surrounding sports pitches and tennis courts. Most have visibility only from within the school grounds.

T11 (sycamore) and T12 (oak) only are protected by TPO. Other trees are protected by their status within the Conservation Area. The reasons given for work are to allow greater access to sports pitches/tennis courts, damage to structures, clearance of street lights/pavements. It should be noted that reasons are not required for works to trees within Conservation Areas.

With regard to the town council comments, the tree officer always undertakes a site visit for every application, reasons are not required for works to trees in Conservation Areas, and a brief report has been provided to the effect that T11 has suffered extensive squirrel damage, which is causing dessication and decay at branch attachments and subsequent branch drop. Recently, a large branch fell into the neighbouring gardens. The tree officer was able to observe these defects and supports the removal of the tree on safety grounds. It is considered preferable to remove the tree and require replacement with a suitable alternative with some longevity.

It is considered that works to the oak, T12, are justifiable and reasonable. A tree report is not required to carry out reduction works to trees.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher