

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2076	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Mulberry (T1) reduce crown by 1m. Cedar (T2) remove the 2nd branch up on the west side. Cedar (T3) reduce lower branches reaching towards house by 3m. Silver Birch (T4). Reduce crown height by 3m, shape canopy and thin out epicormic growth. Lime (T5) raise canopy by 2-2.4m above footpath and 5m above road. Beech (T6) reduce lower branches by 3m, Norway Maple (T7) fell and stump grind roots. Paulownia (T8) reduce crown by 4m. Holly (T9) reduce longest branch on north side by 1m, shape and reduce canopy by 0.5m and thin crown by 10 percent. Yew (T10) reduce overall canopy by 2m. Beech (T11) reduce 3 branches that are interfering with the telephone wires by 1m. Lime (T12) raise canopy by 2-2.4m above footpath and 5m above road and remove lowest two limbs with large visible scarring.		
Site:	Trees At And Adjacent To Stumlet, Oldlands Avenue, Balcombe, West Sussex, RH17 6LW, , ,		
Validation Date	20 Aug 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	11 Sep 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	15 Sep 2025
Target Date:	1 Oct 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	9
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	17 Sep 2025
Comments:			

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The proposed work is as described.

Most of the proposed work is to manage trees in their locations, which will be of benefit to those trees or to others in close proximity to them.

T1- Mulberry - This tree is in the back garden of the property. The proposed work is only maintenance and so is considered acceptable.

T2 Cedar - This tree is in the back garden of the property and one of the limbs is growing over the fence and garden of the adjacent property. Removal of this limb would bring the tree back into shape and take the one which is affecting the neighbour's garden. It would not be detrimental to the tree.

T3 - Cedar - This tree is in the front garden of the property and some of the branches are growing towards the property and are in contact with the roof. The proposed work would remove branches from the building and would not be detrimental to the tree.

T4 - Silver birch - This tree is in the front garden of the property. It is an over mature tree, which has been pruned before. The proposed work would bring it back to previous cut points and would help keep the tree manageable.

T5 - Lime - This tree is on the private road, to the front of the property. The proposed work is maintenance and will raise branches from the road and the pavement.

T6 - Beech - The proposed work will remove some of the branches from other trees and be good maintenance for this tree.

T7 - Norway maple - Only this tree will be removed. It is not visible from the highway as it is concealed behind other trees and vegetation. It is also very much in decline, so would not be a suitable candidate for TPO.

T8 Paulownia - This tree is in the border alongside the driveway to the property. It is dying from the crown down and it is hoped that the reduction might revitalise the rest of the tree. Due to it not being in the best of health, this too would not be a candidate for TPO and as such, the proposed is acceptable.

T9 - Holly - This tree is in the front garden of the property and is amongst many other trees. This proposed work will bring the tree back into a condition that will be more manageable in future.

T10 - Yew - This tree is in the front garden of the property adjacent to other trees. The proposed reduction would be good maintenance.

T11 - Beech - This tree is in the front garden of the property and some of the branches are growing into the overhead cables. The proposed work would clear the overhead lines and would not be detrimental to the tree. This would be allowed in general terms, should the network owner need to prune to clear the cables.

T12 - Lime - This tree is on the front (privately owned) road and has suffered some damage due to branches hanging too low over the road. The proposed work would raise the lowest branches to clear the road and the highway. It would also target prune the damaged branches. This would be good management for this tree to prevent further damage from vehicles passing underneath the tree.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett