

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0046	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Tree (T1) - Fell to ground level and replant with Field Maple. Ash (T2) - Reduce crown by up to 3m with 2m clearance from built structures.		
Site:	4 Kymer Gardens, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8QZ, , , ,		
Validation Date	9 Jan 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	2 Feb 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	10 Feb 2026
Target Date:	6 Mar 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:	11 Feb 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Ms Sara Langford

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees are located to the side/rear of the property and are part of a group Order. The trees impact on surrounding residential land and garages. They have visibility from Kymer Gardens. The ash has previously been reduced. The elm is dead.

A tree report has been received as part of the application advising that the tree has been unsympathetically pruned in the past, the branches are close to the rear elevation of 4 Kymer Gardens, and the tree causes overshadowing and oppression.

A representation has been received, making the following points :

- reduction of the tree is wholly inadequate
- tree is excessively large and has been ignored by all parties/authorities for many years
- if left as it is, will continue to need trimming every year, who will take that responsibility ?
- despite risks, too often we hear, that " it's not on my land ", cannot touch it, it's on public land etc
- positive steps need to be taken by the council ; needs thorough, long lasting trim

With regard to these comments, the applicants have stated that they own the trees. Further, the local authority has no powers to require works to trees.

The works are considered appropriate to the tree and will not impact on its long term health or amenity value.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher