

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2708	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Oak tree (T1) crown reduction by 4m and fell 2 x ash trees (T2) Amended Description 19.11.2025.		
Site:	Great Mead, Hanlye Lane, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5HR, ,		
Validation Date	19 Nov 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	15 Dec 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	15 Dec 2025
Target Date:	14 Jan 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:	7 Jan 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr Tim Lucas**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The oak is a late mature specimen, probably veteran. It is located within a small woodland, fronting Hanlye Lane. It has high visibility. Three limbs have fallen from the tree in recent years, most recently, a large limb during the summer months. Whilst this is likely to be sudden branch drop, nevertheless, it is a concern. The tree is within falling distance of the highway and access drive. Whilst a heavy reduction is not usually appropriate for such a tree, nevertheless, bearing in mind the history of the tree and its high target area, it is considered that safety should take priority.

The semi mature ash trees are located close to the driveway, and, whilst not heavily infected due to ash die back disease, are likely to deteriorate and pose a risk.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher