

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0294	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 White Willow - fell to ground level. T2 Holly - reduce height by 3m, leaving estimated height of 6m. T3 Holly reduce height by 5m leaving finish height at 6m. T4 Large Leaved Lime - Pollard to previous points. T5 Fastigate Beech - selective reduction by upto 3m in height, 1m radial spread.		
Site:	29 Oathall Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3EG, , , ,		
Validation Date	12 Feb 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	9 Mar 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	20 Feb 2026
Target Date:	26 Mar 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:	12 Mar 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Peter Taylor

The proposed work is as described. The description of T5 was edited to a lesser reduction more appropriate to the species, following discussion with the homeowner and the agent.

All the trees are in the back garden and as the house is set back from the main road, none of the trees are visible from the public realm.

T1 is a willow which has grown up through the canopy of a yew tree and is of poor form and in the wrong place. Felling this tree would benefit the yew tree.

T2 and T3 are holly trees which have been previously reduced. The proposed work would bring them back to previously cut points and would not be of detriment to the health of the trees.

T4 is a lime which has been previously pollarded. It is advisable to repollard trees every 3 to 8 years, depending on species, age etc. This tree is ready for repollarding. No pruning cut shall go beyond previous pruning cuts, and the pollard knuckles will remain intact.

T5 is a fastigate beech tree. Following the site visit and subsequent discussion with the Arborist/ agent, a lesser reduction was agreed, which was deemed more appropriate and not excessive for this tree. The proposed work is a greater reduction than would be advisable on a standard beech tree but due to the tight unions in a fastigate beech, finding suitable growth points can be difficult. The 3m proposed reduction allows for some suitable growth points to be reached, whilst trying to keep the form of the tree and reduce the sail weight.

All the works are appropriate to the species and should not be of detriment to the trees. No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett