

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0440	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 - Western Red Cedar - Fell. G2 - Western Red Cedar x 5 - Fell. T3 - Ash - Fell. T4 - Accacia - Fell. T5 - Cherry - Fell.		
Site:	Ockenden Manor Hotel, Ockenden Lane, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5LD, ,		
Validation Date	19 Feb 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	12 Mar 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	6 Mar 2026
Target Date:	2 Apr 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:	18 Mar 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Adam Smith**

The proposed work is as described.

The trees are in the grounds of the hotel, and some are visible from the public realm.

T1 and G2 are western red cedar trees and are growing on a verge above the car park of the hotel. They have exceeded the space available to them and have potential to damage the retaining wall. The removal of these trees would allow for more suitable replanting.

T3 is an ash, which has some ash dieback. It also has a sheer crack in the main stem meaning that it is potentially unstable and could split out. The only safe option for this tree is to fell it.

T4 is an acacia, which has grown with a significant lean over the lawn. It is a poor specimen and has the potential to be unstable due to the lean on the tree and the weight of the crown. It could not be reduced to compensate for the heavy lean.

T5 is a cherry, which is in poor condition. It will not recover and the best option is to fell.

None of these trees are significant, apart from the ash tree and that must be felled for safety reasons.

Whilst the Parish Council comments have been noted, for the reasons stated in this report, none of these trees are suitable for retention. Further, an arboricultural report is not required for a TCA notification and none of the trees mentioned in the notification are suitable candidates for TPO.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett