

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2777	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Poplar x 25 - Fell, Ash x 3 - Fell and replace.		
Site:	William Allen House, 6 Gravelly Close, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2RN, ,		
Validation Date	28 Oct 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	19 Nov 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	27 Nov 2025
Target Date:	23 Dec 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	27 Nov 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**William Allen House, 6 Gravelly Close, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2RN,
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Mr Torkington**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

This application has been the subject of a pre application visit.

The poplars are semi mature specimens, growing in a line along the side boundary of the property. The ash are located to the front/side of the property and are young/semi mature specimens. All have little/no public visibility.

The poplars grow in a restricted bed and are planted extremely closely, and will never be able to reach their full potential. Also due to their growing conditions, they pose a high risk to property and garden users, as the root systems are unable to develop correctly. One tree has already fallen and the tree officer has identified two other trees at high risk of collapse. At this late stage, it would not be possible to thin the trees and retain some safely. In this case the value of retaining some or all of the trees greatly outweighs the risk of further stem failures.

The ash grow in a small, compact group. All have advanced symptoms of ADBD and will not recover. They cannot be retained safely.

Whilst replacement trees will be secured by condition, a reasonable view should be taken, in that the location cannot possibly accommodate the requisite number of replacement trees without restriction to their development and potential, future safety implications.

On balance, it is far preferable to replace them with fewer trees, with a greater chance of survival and potential for biodiversity.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher